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## Labour pledges £200 m boost for schools

By Andrew Mounier, Education staff

LABOUR leaders yesterday presented their education "bill of rights" and promised to foot a £200 million bill to meet the immediate needs of schools.

Mr Giles Radice, shadow education spokesman, introduced a Labour package to deal with "crisis areas" in the schools system, caused, he said, by the Government's aversion to public spending and the penny-pinching of the Conservative-dominated House of Commons.

Mr Radice said that Labour would provide £50 million for 14,000 more teachers, £60 million for in-service training, and £90 million for books and equipment, with

## Archives knew of baron's role in Hitler's notorious elite

# Princess backed in furore over SS

By Martin Wainwright

Supported by messages of sympathy, Princess Michael of Kent attended a state banquet at Windsor last night while research into her father's record as an SS officer went on in Britain, Germany, and Austria.

It emerged yesterday that evidence of Baron Gunther von Helldorf's membership of Hitler's SS has been available since shortly after the second world war at four separate archives, including the Imperial War Museum in London.

Buckingham Palace was careful, in the only statement it intends to make on the affair, to confine surprise at the revelation of the baron's SS membership to the princess herself. The Government and Mr James Callaghan, who was prime minister when the princess was vetted before her marriage to Prince Michael in 1978, have made no comment



Princess Michael of Kent at Windsor

on whether or not the security services discovered and reported on the Nazi connection.

The strength of this was the subject of differing claims throughout the day, but documentary evidence clearly charted the baron's early affiliation to the Nazi party and steady promotion in the SS. He joined the party in 1930, three years before Hitler took power, entered the SS in 1933, and ended up in 1944 as an *sturmbannfuhrer* (major).

The records also show that he spent much of the war on the SS staff at Breslau, now Wroclaw, in Silesia, which was German at the time but is now part of Poland. This was his native region, but was also an area of notorious SS activity, including the establishment of concentration camps and the murder of Jews by *gaswagen* (gas vans) or *gaswagen* (gas vans).

In defence of the baron's record, the Conservative MP, Mr Norman St John Stevas, quoted the judgment of a British court in 1950 which classified Baron von Helldorf as a "minor Nazi official."

"They looked into the whole of his SS connections and came to the conclusion that he was an innocent person," Mr St John Stevas said.

The veteran Nazi hunter, Mr Simon Wiesenthal, said in a letter that the baron was on his "stand out" from the 100,000 others there. He noted that the baron was marked on SS lists in 1937 as suitable for taking part in the Lebensborn racial purity programme which tried to breed pure Aryan babies from appropriate parents.

German relations of the



WALK OVER: David Griggs (left) and Jeffrey Hoffman attaching their 'fly-swatters' to the robot arm

## Shultz warns against S. Africa sanctions

From Alex Bromberg in Washington

The Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, last night warned that moves in Congress to impose economic sanctions against South Africa were "more likely to strengthen resistance to change" than strengthen the forces of reform.

In an important speech before the National Press Club on Southern Africa, Mr Shultz welcomed Pretoria's decision to remove its troops from Angola

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as "important progress" although he was insistent that any settlement had to be based on the guidelines laid down by the UN.

Despite the growing demand for US sanctions against South Africa, Mr Shultz warned that a "constructive engagement" in the region. He made the case against apartheid, but spoke out strongly against violent change.

"An upheaval of bloodshed and destruction would be a monstrous tragedy for all South Africans of all races," he said.

Mr Shultz said that it would be as big a mistake for the US to cut its ties with Pretoria as to refuse to deal with Angola. He noted that the US had a "constructive engagement" in the region. He made the case against apartheid, but spoke out strongly against violent change.

He argued that a cut-off of American aid and investment, as favoured by some in Capitol Hill, would "harm" the black majority "whom the advocates of boycotts, embargoes and sanctions purport to want to help." He noted that the US had a "constructive engagement" in the region. He made the case against apartheid, but spoke out strongly against violent change.

Turning to the violence which has galvanised US public opinion against South Africa, he said that it was "clearly a setback" to ending the inequalities between the communities and faults in the justice system such as treason trial for black leaders.

"The United States had consistently, repeatedly, and fully supported the bloodshed and the police tactics that only produce killings and add fuel to the unrest," Mr Shultz said.

"There is no excuse for official violence against peaceful demonstrators," he said. He reminded Pretoria that its law and order tactics "also mean due process, and adequate channels for resolving differences."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Secrets denial

EIGHT servicemen denied at the Old Bailey yesterday that they passed secrets to an enemy. Back page.

### Nursing concern

THE NHS will be short of 12,000 new nurses a year by 1992, according to the Royal College of Nursing. Page 2.

### Jobs 'set-back'

RETAIL and wholesale trades will not provide the extra jobs predicted by the Government, a National Economic Development Office report said yesterday. Report and City Notebook, page 22.

### Teachers' targets

TEACHERS in 16 Conservative areas are to stage strikes from today. Page 4.

### Animal pain

PROPOSALS to reduce the pain inflicted on laboratory animals were announced yesterday after two Cambridge University experiments were banned. Page 2.

### Shades of blue

THE Tories will win the Whitby county council elections — but which ones? Page 4.

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## GPs' smear tests offer rejected

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

A plan to extend cervical smear tests to tens of thousands of women under the age of 35 at no extra cost to the taxpayer has been vetoed by Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Health Minister.

Family doctors offered to freeze or even marginally reduce NHS fees for treating other patients to generate an extra £3 million to allow an extension of cervical smears to all women aged 20, 25 and 30.

But Mr Clarke, in a written statement, said that the Government "does not wish such an offer which could only help preventative health care."

The BMA say they made the original offer because they were concerned about the number of cervical cancer cases.

Positive cervical smear tests are recorded at a rate of seven per 1,000 smears, half of them from women under the age of 35.

Cervical cancer deaths are 25-29 age group and to 59 in the 30-34 age group. Early detection through smear tests normally ensures successful treatment.

A meeting of the general medical services committee tomorrow will discuss whether the BMA should take further action.

## 'Fly swat' space walk succeeds

TWO of the Discovery space shuttle's crew attached fly swatter-like contraptions to the craft's robot arm yesterday in preparation for today's attempt to switch on an inactive military satellite, writes Mark Tran from Washington.

Jerry Hoffman and David Griggs spent about three hours in Discovery's open cargo bay attaching three home-made "Angers" to the end of the 40-foot arm. It was the sixth spacewalk in the shuttle programme but the first not planned in advance.

Discovery faces the tricky task of closing the 40 miles to the satellite and using the fly swatters — improvised from pieces of plastic, a window shade and tubing — to trigger a four-inch switch which will bring the satellite to life. The switch should have automatically activated the satellite's engines as it left the cargo bay and blasted it into its pre-arranged orbit.

The crew will try to catch the switch in one of the holes cut out of the plastic sheets as the \$80 million satellite rotates. The satellite is designed to be part of a communications network operated by the navy for the Defence department.

## Whitsun at home for Thatcher

By Ian Aitken, Political Editor

The Prime Minister yesterday responded to criticism of her spectacular propaganda exercise in south-east Asia by saying that she intends to spend the Whitsun recess in domestic relaxation at Chequers.

That was the main fact extracted from Mrs Thatcher yesterday during some vigorous political exchanges in the Commons. She made no apology for her performance during

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the Easter recess tour, which included some sharp criticism of British trade unionists, and a bit of boasting about the defeat of the miners.

The exchanges were less ferocious than might have been expected in the light of the attacks launched by Labour MPs on Mrs Thatcher's utterances.

She was fiercely attacked for her performance on tour by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, who accused her of conducting herself like "an egotistical fish in a tank."

But earlier, arriving in the Commons to loud Tory cheers, Mrs Thatcher told MPs: "What the Labour Party can't stand is the outstanding well-earned success of that tour. Everywhere we went. She insisted that on tour she had supported Britain's 'true, decent, and honourable trade unionists'."

Mrs Thatcher was accused by Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow secretary of state for the Home Office, of presenting the tour as a success.

## Pepper becomes hot property

By David Pallister

It used to be used for paying the rent, such was its scarcity. And 400 years ago, adventurous Dutch traders were selling it at a vast profit in London for eight shillings a pound. Word has it that another price hike is on the way for pepper, the source of black and white pepper.

Poor prices for farmers have combined with drought, ill-timed rains, and a root disease called fusarium in Brazil, to push the price to a record of £17.2 a pound. This year's production of 105,000 tons is expected to be 20,000 short of demand.

Since new crops take three years to fruit, spice brokers in New York and London, the two main commodity centres, expect the shortage to last. Some brokers are meeting the higher costs by cutting back on purchases of other spices like turmeric, ginger, and celery seed.

There are likely to be temporary shortages of these other spices as the new season's crop comes onto the market. "This is a long term crisis," said Gary Soria, the president of the New Jersey spice brokers. A. A. Soria, rising world consumption is creating a widening supply-demand disparity that will be difficult to close.

Clans Pappenheimer, the vice-president of the New York firm, Ludwig Muehle, concurred. There would be no fundamental change until 1987, he said, "and that implies ideal weather conditions."

McCormick Swartz, the world's biggest spice company, said its stocks were sufficient to keep the price down for a while. But they would eventually rise.

Pepper was first discovered for the West by Marco Polo in China, and is now mainly grown in Indonesia, Malaysia, India, and Brazil. Connoisseurs of culinary imperialism will appreciate that the first American pepper trader, one Captain Jonathan Carnes, made a 700 per cent profit on his first trip from the East Indies in 1796. It was landed at Salem and more than likely used in witches' brew.

The pepper market is notorious for its supply scares. An additional factor in this one is the way exporters have defaulted on contracted shipments as prices have risen. "You could blame Captain Carnes, but the industry's advice is: don't panic."



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Commission attacks hospital-based courses

# Nurses' training 'should be switched to colleges'

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

The National Health Service will be short of 12,000 new nurses a year by 1992 unless the current training system is scrapped, a commission appointed by the Royal College of Nursing warned yesterday. It called for the abolition of hospital-based training for student nurses and its replacement by a three-year diploma in nursing studies, to be undertaken in polytechnics and colleges of higher education. The commission's report comes as the English National Board for Nursing is about to release similar proposals which will have to be considered by the Government.

Dr Harry Judge, the director of educational studies and chairman of the commission, criticised waste, saying: "The present training system for nurses is reminiscent of Fascism. Wave after wave of nurses come out of the trenches, many of them to be knocked down. The time has come for a change of policy from headquarters."

Of nurses who train in hospital, 35 per cent leave before they complete their training. The fear of a shortage — despite high unemployment among young people — comes because nurses are exclusively drawn from school leavers who have between five O levels and two A level passes. By the early 1990s, the fall in the school population will mean that substantially fewer people will be available to quality for nursing. The high wastage rate in the present training system will make the situation worse. He said that nursing courses in colleges and polytechnics would encourage more people to the nursing profession, including higher qualified men and women. Wastage rates could be cut to below 10 per cent. At the same time, the "unsafe practice" of leaving unqualified nurses in hospital wards looking after patients would cease, and health authorities would have to replace some with qualified staff. The changes would mean that, in future, all trainee nurses would be on student grants and spend time doing clinical training in hospitals. About 170 small nursing colleges attached to hospitals would either have to close or be merged with neighbouring colleges and polytechnics. The scheme would need to be fully costed. Early estimates suggest that some £50 million would have to be spent on new training procedures and replacement staff. But there would also be savings by switching to a student grant system and there will be spare capacity in colleges and polytechnics in the 1990s to absorb the extra nursing students. Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary of the RCN, intends to have the report debated and endorsed at the college annual conference in Bournemouth next week. The Education of Nurses: Commission on Nursing Education. Available from the Royal College of Nursing, 20 Copehead Square, London W1M 0AB.

## Broadmoor escaper 'near coma' in hunger strike

From Martin Cleaver in Amsterdam

Alan Reeve, the escaped Broadmoor inmate who has been on hunger strike in Holland for 53 days, was yesterday said to be in a very severe condition. Reeve, aged 34, who escaped from Broadmoor in 1981, is in Scheveningen Prison hospital in The Hague. His specially-appointed doctor, Joop Van der Poll, said: "His body can no longer assimilate fluids, the first symptom of an imminent coma. Reeve had spent 10 years in Broadmoor and lived under cover for a year in Holland before shooting a policeman while fleeing after stealing from a shop. He was sentenced to 15 years. Reeve was one of five prisoners who tried to escape on February 16, and went on hunger strike against his transfer to the Dutch prison's high security wing. Reeve has been assured by the prison authorities that he will not be force fed, which is not permitted under Dutch prison regulations. His hunger strike is the longest by a prisoner in Holland and he would be the first to die as a result. Dr Joop Van der Poll was called to the prison on Sunday after Reeve vomited a litre of bile. His lawyer, Henk Kerling, was refused access and the Dutch Law Association is to protest strongly. But a prison spokeswoman said that it was normal for lawyers to be denied access on a Sunday.

## Spain joins war games

By David Fairhall, Defence Correspondent

Britain and Spain are to hold joint military exercises, even though Spain's membership of Nato has still not been confirmed by a referendum. A first contingent of 50 Spanish infantrymen arrived in London this week and a similar number of Coldstream Guards will visit Almeria. It is believed to be the first time since the Napoleonic wars that relations between the two armies have been good enough to permit such formal collaboration. However, British auxiliaries fought for the Spanish Government during the Carlist rebellion of the 1930s and as members of the International Brigade in the 1930s. The army has codenamed their venture Britannia Way. Iberian Focus. The Spaniards will join the British guardsmen in tactical training and live firing exercises on Salisbury Plain and on the Purbeck ranges. They will also "share cultural, sporting and social activities," according to the Ministry of Defence. evasive action, Mr Aubrey Myerson, QC, prosecuting, told Newport Crown Court. The captain of the Coburg had been alerted to the danger by coastguards and put a spotlight on the gondola when he realised that he could not turn back. "There was very little room between the vessel and the gondola," Mr Myerson added. "Someone from the gondola shouted 'out 'Sorry. We didn't know'."



## Jobless take short cut to extra cash

JOBLESS youths queue outside a job centre in west Wales (left), after being recruited as extras in a television series about a First World War army mutiny. The 250 young men will get £35 a day, compared with the average of £25 a week paid to those on Youth Training Schemes. They were measured for uniforms like the one worn by Roland Jones, aged 24 (above), and will be drilled later this month at Tonnannan, a redundant army camp on the coast of

Cardigan Bay. Training and filming by the BBC is expected to last six weeks. The series, scripted by Alan Bleasdale of The Boys from the Black Stuff fame, is based on a book by William Allison and John Fairley. The Monocled Mutineer will portray the exploits of Private Percy Topless, one of the ringleaders, who discovered a monocle in the pocket of a uniform stolen from an officer. Topless was sentenced to death but escaped to England. He was later killed by police in the Lake District.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Man found shot after car chase

A TAXI DRIVER was found shot dead in his crashed car after police chased him through Cardiff yesterday. Earlier, the man, Leonard Wingren, aged 56, had begged a 16-year-old schoolgirl, to run away with him. She refused. Police were called after a shotgun was fired into the air outside her home in Penarth, near Cardiff. A dozen police cars pursued Mr Wingren through Cardiff, and police said officers were twice threatened with a shotgun during the chase, which ended when Mr Wingren's car mounted the pavement. A shotgun was found at the scene of the crash, Cathedral Road, near the city centre, and police said no one else was involved in the incident. Mr Wingren, a divorcee, of Beechley Drive, Cardiff, had been shot in the stomach.

### Conqueror's refit over

HMS Conqueror, the nuclear submarine which sank the Argentine warship Belgrano, will be ready for action in the summer after an £80 million refit which will be officially completed today. Sea trials will now be given to the Conqueror's new equipment which includes Exocet missiles and computerised targeting devices.

### Police drop damage charge

POLICE dropped a charge of criminal damage against Cornelius Culwick at Croydon magistrates' court yesterday. Culwick, 33, of Tulse Hill, South London, who was recently acquitted of stealing a £8,000 watch from the singer, Elton John, had been accused of causing £210 damage to his wife's car.

### Bridge alert

The Tyne bridge in Newcastle was closed to traffic for more than four hours yesterday while firemen tried to coax down a man who had climbed to the top. The 29-year-old man eventually agreed to climb down and he was taken into police custody.

## River blockade by miners 'caused chaos'

By Paul Heyland

Miners who blockaded coal supplies at a steelworks caused chaos at the mouth of the river Usk in Newport, Gwent, a jury heard yesterday. Pickets seized control of this Newport transporter bridge at night and moved its suspended gondola for carrying vehicles into the middle of the river to stop a vessel delivering coal to the Orb steelworks, it was alleged. The 78-year-old transporter bridge, which is one of only two of its kind still operating in Britain, was seized from council workers on August 30 during the miners' strike. It was a carefully planned operation for which the miners had brought sleeping bags, cooking

utensils, and food. Mr Myerson smallest officers to lead the assault. "One of the hazards which the possession party faced was the television lights, which were shining into the eyes of the officers," Mr Myerson said. A senior officer unsuccessfully requested that the lights be moved. As the police eventually made progress, groups of miners gave themselves up peacefully. A small number locked themselves in the motorhouse, but soon surrendered. The gondola was brought back to the shore and four miners on board were arrested. Seven men all pleaded not guilty to riotous and unlawful assembly. One more pleaded not guilty to unlawful assembly. The trial continues today.

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# Thatcherites try to wrest control in Wiltshire

NO ONE is in any doubt that the Conservative Party will win the county council election in Wiltshire. The only question to be resolved by the voters is: will the old-fashioned Tories who have ruled the county for so long continue to hold sway or will control switch to the young Thatcherites?

The struggle between the old Tories and the new has been more open and bitter in Wiltshire than anywhere else. The Conservative group has been split in two, sometimes three, factions, meeting separately.

There have been threats of expulsions and long-standing councillors have been "deselected" by local constituency associations. They have even had Mr John Gummer, the party chairman, down to read the riot act. The unrest began in 1981 in the picturesque village of Downton on the edge of the New Forest. It was the last village in Wiltshire to have a secondary modern school and those who passed the 11-plus went to one of the county's last two grammar schools in the eastern half of Salisbury. Wiltshire began to go comprehensive in 1964.

At that time Mr Roger Peach, a Southampton solicitor who lived in the renovated old vicarage at Downton, began a campaign to save the grammar schools. He organised a survey and a petition signed by 12,000 people.

Mr Peach's main opponent was the county council chairman, Mr Nigel Anderson, MC, who led Wiltshire into comprehensive education as chairman of the education committee. He was firmly opposed to the eleven plus and was by chance, the county councillor for Downton.

The council had been dominated by independents until the 1970s, with little party politics in the formal sense. Candidates were usually independent and were often returned unopposed. So it came as a great shock when Mr Peach challenged Mr Anderson for the Conservative nomination and as an even greater shock when he defeated him and by 140 votes to 87 in Downton. Mr Anderson for the Conservative nomination found a safe seat in Bradford-on-Avon.

Mr Peach was a Conservative of a new type when he arrived at county hall in

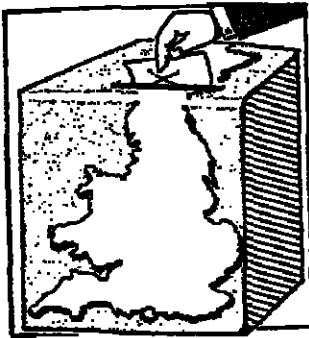
Trowbridge in 1981. He believed in forcing councillors into line and removing them if necessary. "We have long-term plans drawn up to replace every county councillor in the area opposed to grammar schools," he said at the time.

He forced a vote on the issue of the grammar schools in the Conservative group and, when he won a majority, he put the issue to the council. There he lost because nine Conservatives voted with Labour and Liberal to uphold the county's comprehensive policy. Then he branded his opponents as "rebels" and demanded their expulsion.

They included the Conservative chairman of the education committee, Mrs Joan Main, who said she felt bound to support the comprehensive policy of her committee. This is not formally controlled by the Conservatives because of options.

The rules of the Conservative group did not, however, allow for expulsion and there was a long period of confusion.

The Conservatives met in three factions, the main group under its leader, Air



## THE LOCAL ELECTIONS

Bitter schools feud has brought rightwing purge. Martin Linton reports

Chief Marshal Sir Anthony Heward; the rightwing Conservatives under Mrs Beth Winterton, and the so-called "rebels," led by Mrs Main.

Richard Wardell-Verburgh, telling her curtly: "I must now inform you that the decision has been made that you will not be nominated as Conservative candidate for the county council elections."

Mr John Gummer visited Trowbridge in January and prevailed on the Conservatives to present a united front, at least until the May elections. A few days later—some say it was coincidence—the rival factions agreed on a new constitution and remitted.

The Conservatives go into the county council elections with 41 seats against 19 for Labour, 11 for the Liberals, and two independents.

The Labour Party did extremely well to win 20 seats at the 1981 county elections, mainly in Swindon, but picking up odd seats in Melksham, Trowbridge, Amesbury, and Salisbury. The Conservatives won 31 per cent of the total vote. It sank into third place in the 1983 general election and the 1984 European election.

The Liberals are well entrenched in the north of the county and will hope to improve their position substantially. But they have been

hit by their own internal ructions in the south, partly over the grammar schools issue. One councillor in Salisbury, Mr Ken Edwards, and their councillor in Wilton, Mrs Marjorie Whitworth, have resigned from the party and Mrs Whitworth is standing as an independent without Alliance opposition.

The most important result of the election will not be known until a few days after polling day, when the Conservatives meet to select their education chairman. Mrs Main may be re-elected, but the main contender for the title will be Mrs Beth Winterton, the former leader of the grammar school faction.

Mr Peach and his colleagues believe they have a substantial majority in the Tory group in favour of retaining Salisbury's grammar schools, but have been unable to overturn the county's official pro-comprehensive line because of the handful of "rebels" who have voted with Labour and Liberals. However, after the election they will have no difficulty in reversing the policy, they say.

The new policy will only mean the retention of the two grammar schools in Salisbury, the Bishop Wordsworth School for boys, and the South Wilts Grammar School for girls, with their corresponding secondary modern schools.

These assurances have hardly allayed the fears of many teachers and the pro-comprehensive wing of the Conservative Party, who believe the rightwingers want to bring back grammar schools all over the county.

They suggest that Mr Peach has double standards when it comes to the education of his own children. His daughter was sent to a private school, La Retraite, when she failed the eleven plus. But he insists that this was only because of her musical ability — she is an oboist — and that she would otherwise have gone to one of the secondary modern schools.

His opponents, however, delight in pointing out that it was Mrs Thatcher who approved 18 out of 23 comprehensive schemes in Wiltshire when she was Minister of Education.

## Teachers' guerrilla tactics to hit 16 councils

By Andrew Mounsey, Education Staff

Teachers in 16 Conservative-led authorities will be called out on guerrilla strikes as they start the school term today. The strikes are aimed at applying political pressure in the approach to next month's local elections, was announced yesterday by the 127,000-strong National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

The education authorities which will be hit by selective strike action are: Bexley, Bromley, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Devon, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire, Somerset, Surrey, Warwickshire, West Sussex and Wiltshire.

The list includes the home area of the leader of the employers' side in the teachers' pay dispute, Mr Philip Merridale, who has been critical of union leaders during their campaign of disruption in schools, is chairman of Hampshire education committee.

The NAS/UTW is also planning to continue with selective strikes in another 11 areas, where action started last term.

They are Barnet, Bury, Clwyd, Hereford, Oxfordshire, Sefton, Solihull, South Tyneside, Suffolk, and Wigan. The union reckons that country-wide more than 900,000 pupils will be affected by stoppages involving 13,500 teachers.

Mr Fred Smithies, the general secretary of the NAS/UTW, blamed Sir Keith Joseph, the education secretary, for pushing teachers into taking action over their acute financial plight.

"By tying the employers' hands and insisting on a 4 per cent offer — which amounts to a pay cut of 2 per cent — he shows a total lack of concern for the interests of pupils," he said. The teachers, who are demanding increases of nearly 12.5 per cent, have rejected the employers' final offer and arbitration.

## Robber gets three years

A trainee shipping manager was jailed for three years yesterday after being found guilty of robbing Penny Cole, wife of the actor George Cole, who stars in the television series, *Minder*.

Joseph Williams, aged 26, tried to escape from Knightsbridge Crown Court, London at the end of his four-day trial. A police officer was killed in the groin as detectives and prison officers grabbed Williams.

The court heard how Mrs Cole, 47, a former actress, from Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, was robbed in Oxford Street, London, last August of a £1,000 gold necklace she was wearing. Earlier, Mrs Cole told the court how her 13-year-old son, Toby, gave chase after she fell to the ground, gashing her forehead and breaking her spectacles.

The jury took 3½ hours to reach its unanimous verdict. Williams, of Honeywell Road, Clapham, South London, had denied the robbery charge. Judge Smith yesterday commended Toby for his "admirable conduct in pursuing the robber."

The judge also commended Mr Richard Evans, a record promoter, of Boscombe Road, Chesham, Bucks, West London, who joined in the chase and picked out Williams at an informal identity parade three weeks later.

The court heard that Williams went to the police after publicity about the robbery.

## Christian CND hails victory after cruise land sale is stopped

Ministry of Defence plans to enlarge the Molesworth cruise missile base by buying church land adjoining the site suffered a setback in the High Court yesterday. Christian CND claimed a victory in its court action challenging the sale of the land to the MoD suddenly ended in an agreement by the landowners, the Peterborough diocese, not to go ahead with the deal.

If Christian CND now succeeds in its own bid to buy the 1.6-acre field, there are plans to turn it into an area of "peaceful protest" by Christians against nuclear weapons.

Christian CND had complained that its offer of £4,385 for the field was wrongly rejected, although it was higher than the £3,735 offered by the MoD. Now, after out-of-court talks, the Peterborough diocesan board of finance has agreed not to sell the land without first ascertaining the best price on offer. The board also agreed to take into account the views of the local community when considering any sale of the land.

The case against the board was brought through a Christian CND member, the Rev Robin Anstey, vicar of Greeton and Rockingham, near Corby,

Northamptonshire. He claimed the intended sale to the MoD breached the Church of England general synod's own policy against "first use" of nuclear weapons.

Mr Anstey agreed not to litigate against any future sale of the field unless it was a deal contrary to a resolution of the general synod, or not at the best price.

After the agreement had been announced to Mr Justice Goulding, Christian CND said outside court it was delighted with what it claimed as a victory. The chairman, Mr Paul Johns, said: "The settlement, in fact, is what we originally went to court for — to stop the board from implementing the sale to the MoD."

Mr Johns said that if Christian CND bought the field it would be used as a place where Christians could "protest peacefully" against nuclear missiles and as a friendship camp "to get to know the locals and make friends." "We believe this would help reduce tension. Local opinion is very divided about the presence of CND," he said.

The field is currently used as a retirement home for two former circus ponies — which Christian CND says it would allow to stay.

## Sri Lankan student arrested by mistake

By Seumas Milne

A SRI LANKAN student at the London School of Economics has been held in detention for more than a week because of bureaucratic bungling, the Home Office admitted yesterday.

A spokesman said a "failure of communication" between the Home Office and immigration officials led to the arrest of Mr Tharmalingam Sivaraaj, aged 21, in east London at the beginning of last week.

The Home Office had failed to inform the immigration department at Heathrow Airport's Terminal 3 that a request by the Labour MP Mr Ron Leighton for a temporary reprieve on a deportation order against Mr Sivaraaj had been granted.

But even after the Home Office had told Mr Sivaraaj's lawyer, Mr Krishna Sarda, of the mistake, officials refused to authorise Mr Sivaraaj's release.

They claim Mr Sivaraaj hid when police and immigration officers came to arrest him and that he failed to answer mail sent to his address. As a result, they were concerned that he would abscond.

But a Home Office spokesman said yesterday that the unanswered mail was also his department's fault. Officials had misread Mr Sivaraaj's address and sent letters to the wrong place. The spokesman said that such confusion was "exceptional."

Mr Sivaraaj, a Tamil from Sri Lanka's Jaffna province, was released from custody late on Monday night after he applied for asylum. His lawyer has made an official complaint to the Home Office minister, Mr David Weddington.

Mr Sivaraaj was held at the Queen's Building Detention Centre at Heathrow and then moved to the nearby Ashford Remand Centre.

Mr Sivaraaj claims he was "intimidated" into agreeing to an interview with immigration officers before his release on Monday night without his lawyer.

He has been granted temporary admission until the Home Office decides on his asylum application.

Mr Sarda, who works at Newham Law Centre, said: "The behaviour of the immigration officials throughout clearly reflects the racist attitudes which riddle the immigration service."



THE NATIONAL Trust yesterday celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birth of photographer William Henry Fox Talbot took the first recorded negative, writes Dennis Johnson.

Re-enacting the scene at Laycock Abbey, near Chippenham, Wiltshire, was Robert Lassam, curator of the neighbouring Fox Talbot Museum, with Charlie Serl and Margaret English, of the Royal Photographic

Society, playing the parts of the pioneer's daughters.

Although Fox Talbot had been experimenting with chemicals and techniques for several years, it was not until 1835 that he became the first person to "fix" a photographic negative on chemically-treated paper.

He was living at Laycock Abbey and the picture he took was of a latticed window

Picture by E. Hamilton West

## Ticket collector 'spiked by youth' after racial abuse

A black British Rail ticket collector was taunted with racial abuse and died 10 days after a four-foot metal spike was plunged into his eye, the Old Bailey heard yesterday.

Mr Peter Burns, aged 59, was taken to hospital from Seven Kings station at Ilford, Essex, where he had been on duty alone on June 30 last year. But the spike had pierced his left eye and his

brain to the back of his skull. His attacker, James Melloy, aged 24, had been with a gang of youths who had been taunting him after a drinking session, said Mr Alan Green, prosecuting.

He said that Mr Burns had picked up a shovel and in a scuffle with Melloy hit him on the head with it, causing a cut. Melloy had then left the station, picked up the metal

spike from a building works and returned to the station. A witness, Mr Gary Smith, said he saw Melloy holding the spike "like a lance or a bayonet" before charging the length of the station corridor at Mr Burns.

Mr Green said Melloy had told police that he had thrust the spike at Mr Burns, but it was deflected by the victim's shovel. He told the police that

earlier there had been an argument and a bit of a scuffle. He donked me one and I thought 'You bastard.' He hit me with the shovel and I just done my nut. I was holding my head and I could see the blood dripping on to my trousers and shoes."

Melloy, of Lawrence Avenue, Manor Park, pleaded not guilty to the murder of Mr Burns. The trial continues today.



Kathy Taylor—unlawfully killed in crash



Rozia Haines—was passenger in car

## Women unlawfully killed

Two women who died when a Ford Capri crashed after a police chase were unlawfully killed, an inquest jury decided yesterday.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded on the cars' driver, Keith Weddell, of Lee, South London, who had been taking cannabis and drinking, the Croydon inquest heard.

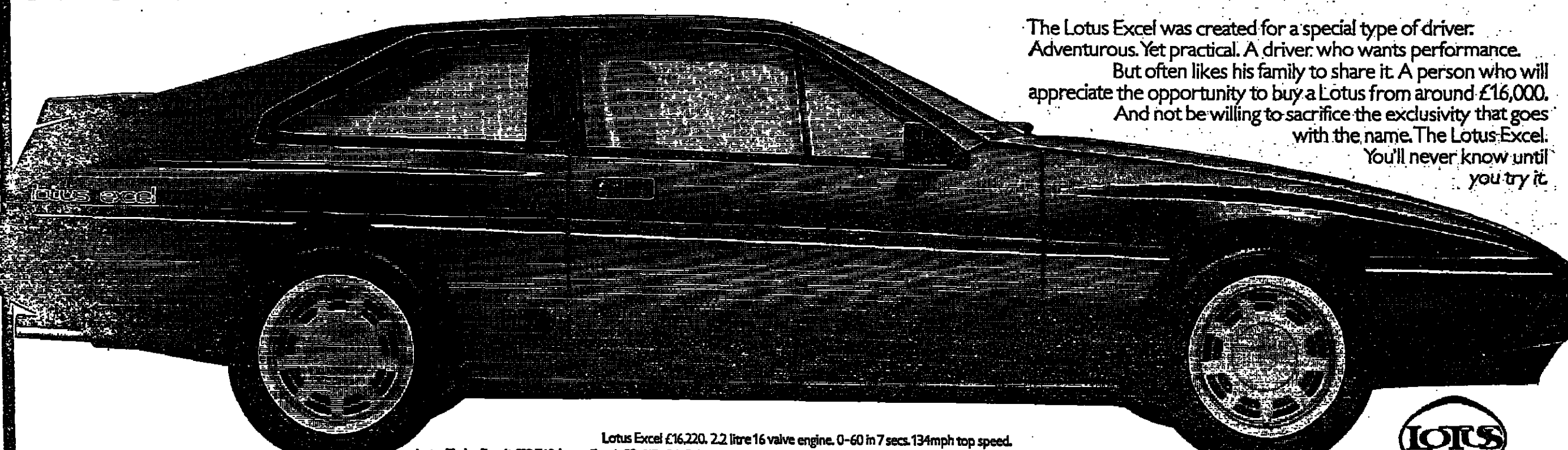
Police Inspector Jeffrey Curtis said the Capri had been stolen two days earlier. It was being driven at 80 mph and failed to stop, despite several

police cars using flashing lights and sirens. It went out of control and hit a lamp post.

Weddell died of multiple injuries, while passengers Kathy Taylor, aged 20, and Rozia Haines, 22, both of Thornton Heath, South London, died of head injuries.

A surviving passenger, Robert Mee, of Lewisham, South London, said Weddell had too much to drink: "The last thing I remember is him really hammering it and the girls screaming at him to stop."

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## No attempt to restore lenient sentences appeal

### JUSTICE

By Alan Travis

The Home Secretary, Mr. Leon Brittan, announced yesterday that the Government does not plan to seek to reverse its recent defeat in the Lords on the Prosecution of Offences Bill.

During the Second Reading of the bill in the Commons the Home Secretary said that the defeated proposal to give the Attorney-General power to refer to the Court of Appeal any crown court sentence which appeared to be excessively lenient, was likely to be included in a new Criminal Justice Bill to be introduced later in the session. However, the Government does not intend to attempt to reverse the defeat and reinstate the proposal during the remaining stages of the Prosecution of Offences Bill.

"This proposal did not find favour in another place. I must say to the House, frankly, that neither the Lord Chancellor nor the Attorney-General, nor I were, or are, persuaded by the arguments deployed there," said Mr. Brittan of the defeat in the House of Lords.

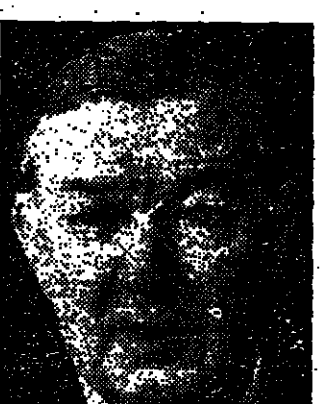
"I have no present plans to reintroduce the provision during the remaining stages of the bill. But I do not propose to let the matter simply rest. Public interest in the sentencing — which was so clearly mentioned in the debate in another place — is strong and persistent, and we shall do the country no service if we ignore it." Mr. Brittan said he will reflect on the matter further and had in any event very much in mind the proposal when preparing the Criminal Justice Bill, which the Government plan to introduce later.

The Home Secretary described the Prosecution of Offences Bill, which includes plans to set up an independent national prosecution system in England and Wales, as one of the most far-reaching changes in the criminal justice system this century.

The bill seeks to implement a White Paper published last October after wide consultations on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure.

The new prosecution service, headed by the Director of Public Prosecutions, under the supervision of the Attorney-General, will take over the conduct of all criminal proceedings from the police.

Other powers in the bill also fix new legal time limits on bringing defendants to trial. Mr. John Morris, the Shadow Attorney-General, called for an independent inquiry to be held into the new independent prosecuting service five years after it had been set up. He said it was necessary to have such a review rather than simply an annual report from the Director of Public Prosecutions on the service.



Mr. Carlisle: 'Forget it'

its operation, given the lack of unanimity at this stage on the accountability of the service.

Mr. Mark Carlisle (C. Warrington S) a Crown Court Recorder and former Cabinet Minister, urged Mr. Brittan to completely drop the proposal to allow appeals on lenient sentences.

"Obviously you have to come to the Dispatch Box and say that the Government are not necessarily going to accept for all time the defeat in the Lords. We'll look at it again. Having looked at it, may I suggest you chuck it. Forget it entirely."

However, Mr. Eldon Griffiths (C. Bury St. Edmunds), who represents the Police Federation, said that the majority of police officers were dissatisfied with the present situation where desirous penalties were imposed and he claimed that in some courts there was an unwillingness to let sentences match the crime.

## Kinnock attacks Thatcher's tour activities

By our Political Staff

Mr. Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, yesterday greeted the Prime Minister's return to the Commons from her South-east Asian tour by telling her that she had been dashing around "like an egotistical sea in a fit."

Labour MPs took up the theme during Prime Minister's question time by accusing Mrs. Thatcher of running Britain down with her remarks in Kuala Lumpur about having "seen off" the miners.

The Prime Minister was greeted by cheers from the Conservative benches on her arrival. She replied chapter and verse of her speech in Kuala Lumpur, told the Labour party it could not bear the outstanding welcome she had received abroad and flashed by telling the House that she would be spending the Whitsun recess not abroad but at Chequers.

The exchanges between Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Kinnock with the Labour leader asking: "In view of the fact that the British share of world manufactur-

ing trade has dropped by 20 per cent in the six years since she came to power, will she realise it would be best for everyone if she concentrated her attention on policies for production and sales promotion rather than trips of self-promotion?"

Mrs. Thatcher replied: "If you are really worried about creating more jobs, and I doubt that you are, why do you support strikes that have a most devastating effect on British production. You support the lot. If we are to get more jobs we must get our labour costs down."

Mr. Kinnock said one of the best ways to reduce unit labour costs and boost export performance was to sponsor and encourage policies for investment, design and training and for employment which would have an effect on labour relations. "Why does she not introduce or encourage such policies rather than dashing around everywhere like an egotistical sea in a fit?" an

she had held the first-ever design seminar at Downing Street and Britain had the "best-ever" training system.

Earlier, Mr. Alfred Morris (Lab., Manchester, Wythenshawe) asked if it helped the country to talk about the "seeing off" a section of Britain's working people who had been described by the Earl of Stockton as the finest people in the world.

Mrs. Thatcher replied by reading out the text of her speech in Kuala Lumpur.

"Everywhere I go people know that the coal strike lasted over a year and was pursued by violence and intimidation," she said. "The Labour Party supported it throughout, and you didn't have the guts to go to a meeting to condemn it." She told Mr. Kinnock throughout her reply she faced Labour fears that she was running the country down, to which she replied that Labour "don't want to listen, don't want to hear the truth, it gets in the way of their propaganda."

Mr. Andrew MacKay (C.

Berkshire E) asked: "Who is more likely to create more lasting jobs in this country? Those who sit at home carrying out making cheap political propaganda, or those who go to the Far East to create the sort of climate which will produce British business orders for the future?"

She replied: "The Labour Party cannot stand the outstanding welcome we received on that tour."

Mr. David Steel, the Liberal Leader, asked Mrs. Thatcher about her statement during her Asian tour that she wanted to get inflation down to 3 per cent and asked how this squared with the Chancellor of the Exchequer's stated view that inflation was likely to rise to 6 per cent later this year.

Mrs. Thatcher replied that inflation was going to go up further before it came down. "Inflation can be got down further. Three per cent is still inflation."

● Mrs. Thatcher (right), who said Labour resented her welcome abroad



### YTS SCHEME

## Militant strike call deplored

THE Prime Minister yesterday condemned a Militant-inspired call for a strike by young people against alleged proposals by the Government which could make the youth training scheme compulsory.

She was invited to condemn the strike call in the Commons during question time, by Mr. David Alton (Lab., Liverpool, Mossley Hill), who described it as both "mischievous and irresponsible." The campaigners, he said, were using young people as "cannon fodder."

His question to the Prime Minister followed a report that the left-wing Youth Trades Union Rights campaign, backed by supporters of Militant Tendency, had issued 20,000 leaflets urging young people, including those in school, to walk out of lessons on Thursday, April 25.

Mrs. Thatcher said: "I de-

plore that politically inspired and counter-productive action because the YTS is designed to ensure that young people have more training to get jobs. It is inspired by the extreme left-wing."



Mr. Alton: 'Cannon fodder'

### BLOOD

## Donations 6 pc down

BLOOD donations have fallen by 5 to 6 per cent since homosexuals were warned not to be donors following the scare over the disease Aids, it was disclosed yesterday.

Junior Health Minister John

Patten told MPs at Question Time: "Our revised leaflet for blood donors concerning Aids was deliberately designed to cause those in high risk groups to refrain from donating."

The leaflet was published at the end of last year. But yesterday Mr. Patten said it was unclear how far the drop in the donation figures in the first three months of the year were due to widespread publicity on Aids.

### HOME BUYING

## Forced to drop bill

THE GOVERNMENT has been forced to withdraw a bill which would have reduced formal legal inquiries in house purchase deals, because it is claimed Opposition amendments made the measure unworkable.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, announced that he had decided to drop the Land Registration and Law of Property Bill because, he said, Labour Party and Alliance plans to change it "would have defeated the main purpose of the bill."

## Anti-GLC bill peers hope to win the day in committee

By Colin Brown  
House of Lords opponents of the bill to abolish the Greater London Council and the six metropolitan authorities claimed yesterday that the Government still faced defeat in the committee stage of the bill despite a 126-vote majority at the end of the Second Reading debate early yesterday morning.

Amendments were already being tabled yesterday for the committee stage, which starts on April 29, including an attempt by the Conservative peer, Lord Chelwood, to introduce proportional representation for elections to the Inner London Education Authority.

But the Government's stiffest test will come with what is expected to be an all-party amendment seeking to establish a city-wide authority for the capital after the GLC is abolished on March 31 next year.

The former Tory leader of the GLC, Lord Plummer, protested in the debate that the Bill would destroy the existing London-wide authority and would hand over its strategic responsibility "to a hotch-

potch of hastily assembled groups of boroughs, unelected residuary bodies or commission. This is a recipe for administrative chaos and conflict."

An amendment regretting the lack of a city-wide authority to replace the GLC was defeated by 225 votes to 109 — a majority of 126. The size of the Government's victory delighted ministers, who will be using it to put pressure on Tory critics not to threaten further rebellions.

The environment Secretary, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, at a meeting at Hampton last night hailed the bill's easy passage as "convincing victory" and predicted that Labour would abandon its commitment to ex-hume the GLC as it had jettisoned commitments to restore the six Metropolitan county councils.

There were recriminations between the Liberal-SDP Alliance parties and the Labour Opposition in the Lords yesterday. The Alliance parties said Labour had allowed the Government a tactical advan-

tage by their large majority on the vote, which was a "false picture" of feeling in the Lords against the Bill.

But Labour insisted that they were tactically right to press a vote.

The difference in tactics was reflected in the vote — only 18 Alliance peers voted against the Government compared to 40 and 80 on the earlier pay-off bill. Labour had a reasonable turnout of 72 votes but the cross benches appeared to be split with 18 against the bill and 14 for it, a low turnout for the independent peers.

Following tradition, no Tories voted against the Government on the Second Reading, but Lord Plummer, Baroness Faithful and Lord Sanjari, President of the Association of District Councils, were among the Tories who abstained.

The chairman of the GLC, Councillor Iltyd Harrington said yesterday: "The Conservative whips made the debate an issue of confidence in the Government; but as the Bill progresses through the Lords it will be forced to make major concessions."

## There are two ways of looking at roads. Which view will the Government take?



If the Bill to abolish the GLC becomes law, the Government would be empowered, on 1 April, 1986, to turn 70 miles of London's streets into trunk roads. They could do so already under the 1980 Highways Act — but that would involve informing the public, and usually a public enquiry. The new Bill would enable them to bypass any such rights of objection. Londoners can only trust that their own interests will not be sacrificed to those of the

juggernaut. What of the Transport Ministry's record to date? Proposals to build massive dual carriageways on trunk roads in the capital, causing wholesale property demolition, and the reversal of successful GLC policies encouraging people to go to work by bus or train. In addition to more trunk roads, some 300 miles of main roads including shopping and residential thoroughfares will be 'designated' under the Bill, with the Government taking overriding powers on matters

of traffic management. The role of elected GLC councillors, whom the public can approach, will be taken over by Whitehall bureaucrats. With the boroughs subject to mandatory 'guidance' covering the rest of London's streets, the Government seeks unprecedented control over the capital's road network while depriving Londoners of their rights. It's highway robbery.

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British ambassador makes sharp protest

## Botha expected to back 'transition' rule in Namibia

By Patrick Keatley in London and Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

There was speculation in South Africa yesterday that President Botha was about to go ahead with plans for a "transitional government" for Namibia, despite the opposition of Britain, the United States, and other Western powers to the proposals.

Mr Botha is expected to make a speech in the South African Parliament either tomorrow or on Friday on the subject. There are fears that he will announce his acceptance of the proposed transitional government, seen by some critics as a form of UDI.

The British ambassador, Mr Patrick Moberly, was instructed to use tough language when calling at the South African Foreign Ministry to convey British opposition to the proposals from the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Over the past 48 hours the ambassadors of America, Britain, Canada, and West Germany have all conveyed the same message, in vigorous terms, to the South African Government, the other member of the five-power Western Contact Group, is doing the same.

The plan which has won Mr Botha's endorsement was originally brought to him in Cape Town in March by a delegation from the so-called moderate Namibians of the Multi-Party Conference (MPC) in Windhoek. It calls for the setting up of three new bodies: a constitutional council to draw up a draft constitution for a future independent republic of Namibia, a 62-member legislature, and an eight-member executive council.

The plan has already been condemned by the main African nationalist organisation, SWAPO, as an attempt to impose the will of an unrepresentative minority upon the majority of Namibians.

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Britain and the other Western governments, however, are not resorting to such highly-charged political language. Rather they have made the point, in the ambassadorial calls, that the plan violates the key provisions of Resolution 435, which took such careful drafting when it was adopted by the United Nations Security Council. This provides that

elections be held under UN supervision as a first step, and that the resulting constituent assembly would be empowered to draft the constitution of an independent Namibia.

The message from London and Washington to Mr Botha is crystal clear: proceed with your new plan and South Africa will be flouting the UN plan. Any purported "legislation" or constitutional proposals will be, in legal terms, *ultra vires*. International recognition of the plan would be out of the question.

The MPC has been careful to present the plan as a means of breaking the deadlock in Namibia rather than undermining the internationally accepted United Nations peace plan outlined in Resolution 435.

"We have no desire to undermine the plan on the table at the moment," Mr Mos Katjuangwa, president of the "moderate" faction of the south-west African National Union and a member of the MPC, said.

The United States, which has played a leading role in trying to end the protracted Namibian dispute for the past five years, has repeatedly stressed its commitment to Resolution 435.

## Proposed ministers named by Sudan

From Ed Hooper in London

Sudanese unions and political parties have submitted for approval a list of 10 "independent" ministers to form a "non-partisan government" to general Swareddahab's Military Council. There is, however, doubt as to whether the proposed format will be seen by disaffected southerners as sufficiently generous.

The most important post, that of prime minister, is still undecided. It rests between El Ghazali Dafaalla, the president of the medical union, who has headed the trade union team in the recent negotiations, and Mirghani El Nasri, was president of the Bar Association, and formerly one of the founders of the Islamic Socialist Party.

Dafaalla is favourite for the job. He is popular with professional groups and presided over the secret meetings which planned the demonstrations leading to President Numeiri's overthrow earlier this month.

Speaking yesterday, he announced that a "non-partisan government" had been submitted to the military council on Sunday afternoon, and that a final decision might be reached today. He spoke of the choice of ministers as "a good solution."

The principle criteria for suitability were apparently: a lack of commitment to any political party, an absence of compromising contact with the Numeiri regime, and an ability to cope with the manifold problems that confront the new government.

Dafaalla confirmed that a portfolio was being held for him by the leader of the southern-based Sudan People's Liberation Army, Colonel John Garang. "We can't really resolve the southern portfolios until we have contact with John Garang. We have left our cabinet post open for him, but as yet he has not come for the secret meetings which planned the demonstrations leading to President Numeiri's overthrow earlier this month."

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## Harare to deport SA militants

From Andrew Meldrum in Harare

Two former South African trade union activists, gaoled since March 1 on suspicion of subversion, will be deported soon, the Minister of State Security, Emerson Munangagwa, announced yesterday.

Mr Munangagwa said that the two men have been declared prohibited immigrants. The two, Dave Henson and D'Arcy du Toit, are both said to be members of the British Labour Party's Militant Tendency, which Mr Munangagwa characterised as a fringe Trotskyist splinter group. He claimed in the pro-government Herald newspaper yesterday that the two held "unauthorised" seminars and discussion groups with trade union members and officials here to spread their "brand of" politics. Trotskyite ideology and other extreme leftist ideas.

Mr Henson and Mr Du Toit, both South African exiles who previously lived in Britain, were detained together with five black Zimbabwean nationalists under the country's emergency powers regulations which permit indefinite detention without trial. The Zimbabwean all members of the Zimbabwe engineering and Metal Workers Union, were released last month.

Mr Henson has taught in Harare since 1982, while Mr Du Toit was employed as a lecturer at Kwekwe technical college in 1983.

## Poland looks to Britain as 'mediator'

From Hella Pick in Warsaw

Poland has reacted favourably to the visit here by the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, and an editorial in yesterday's Polish party paper, Trybuna Ludu, said Britain was poised to take over from France as "mediator" between East and West.

There is no doubt that the Polish government has decided against any public reproaches for Sir Geoffrey's contacts with opposition figures or of his visit to the grave of the murdered priest Father Popieluszko.

Trybuna Ludu noted with satisfaction that after a three year break, talks between London and Warsaw had been resumed, and concluded that

"this was not only an important event in the history of Anglo-Polish relations but also one more time that relations between Poland and the West are returning to normal."

The Polish leadership would like to think that the British visit had ended Poland's diplomatic isolation and implies a recognition of Poland's vital role on the European stage. Sir Geoffrey, however, said that relations could not be fully normalised until the Polish leadership achieved peace with the Polish nation.

After referring to the Foreign Secretary's widely publicised criticism of President Reagan's Star Wars programme in London last month, the Polish party paper writes approvingly of "increasingly frequent

signs of British realism reflected in a move away from the policy of confrontation and cold war rhetoric."

When the minister of state at the Foreign Office, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, came here last autumn, there was a furious outburst from the government spokesman complaining that he had laid a wreath at Father Popieluszko's grave, and had met the same group of intellectuals associated with Solidarity whom Sir Geoffrey also sought out last weekend.

This time the government spokesman is on holiday. In any case, the Government has evidently decided that silence is more opportune. The Polish media had not made even the most obscure reference to the

Foreign Secretary's extracurricular activities.

The Foreign Secretary, although pleased that his visit has made a positive impact, is now likely to be even more concerned to stress to Poland that, in Britain's view, the regime can regain full international acceptance only if it meets two vital conditions: firstly it must release all its political prisoners and abandon any idea of new political trials.

Secondly, it can hope to negotiate new hard currency credits which it desperately needs only if it first signs the Paris Club agreement to reschedule its existing debts.

The Foreign Secretary also intends to warn other Nato countries that they should not

encourage Poland to assume that full normalisation can be achieved until these conditions are met.

Reuter adds: Poland yesterday condemned the International Labour Organisation as antisocialist and anti-worker, and called for its reform.

The government newspaper, Rzeczpospolita, said that Western influence in the ILO was disproportionate, adding: "It is incomprehensible that the ILO should ignore the independent and self-governed trade unions in Poland."

Poland announced last November that it was leaving the ILO after the UN-affiliated organisation noted a report condemning its alleged abuse of trade union freedom.

## Rightwing Spanish MEPs keenly awaited by Tories

From Derek Brown in Strasbourg

British Conservatives in the European Parliament are eagerly wooing the right-wing Spanish Popular Alliance in the hope of a lucrative political marriage next year when Spain joins the EEC and sends 60 MEPs to Strasbourg.

The Popular Alliance, led by a former minister under Franco, is expected to have about 15 MEPs. Each will be worth about £30,000 in administrative expenses to whichever group they decide to join.

The Parliament's Christian Democrat and right-wing Liberal groups are also among the eager suitors. But the British Tories are the favourites—to the smouldering discontent of some of their own members, who say the Popular Alliance is too far right.

The majority view, however, is that the group must expand after the Iberian enlargement, to retain credibility, and a decent income of public subsidies.

The 45 Conservatives are presently allied with one Ulster Unionist, and three Danish right-wingers. Together they call themselves the European Democratic Group (EDG). Group running expenses in

the Parliament are calculated by the number of languages spoken, as well as the total of MEPs. The EDG gets about £60,000 of public money to run its secretariat of around 60 people, and for political activities that is apart from the travel, staff, and subsistence expenses paid to individual MEPs.

The EDG Chief Whip, Mr Christopher Prentice, was guarded yesterday about internal dissent over a deal with the Popular Alliance. "I know of no opposition to it. Naturally, some people know more than others about Spain," he said.

A senior Popular Alliance member of the Cortes, Mr Guillermo Kirkpatrick, has been attending EDG group meetings as an observer, said Mr Prentice.

The European Parliament is to consider a call to ban bullfighting before September. Mr Kirkpatrick said that the Parliament's all-party animal welfare group yesterday accepted a proposal from the British Conservative member for Bristol, Mr Richard Cottrell, to study "the political and economic consequences of ending bullfighting, and the allegations of cruelty." A report will be put to MEPs in June.



Paris prostitutes travelled on the Metro yesterday, hooded and wearing dark glasses, to protest at the closure of flats they use in the Rue Saint Denis

## Germans welcome Soviet ferries

From Anna Tomforde in Bonn

The Government yesterday overruled security objections within Nato and approved expert discussions with Moscow over the establishment of a projected Baltic ferry link between West Germany and the Soviet Union.

The proposed link, between Lübeck and the Soviet port of Klaipeda, was desirable for economic reasons. It would boost trade with the Soviet Union and prevent Moscow from extending its ferry links with East Germany as an alternative. It would also serve to transfer freight transports from the roads to the railway network.

According to provisional plans, six giant ferries built to carry railway wagons will ply the route. The ferries would

provide West Germany not only with access to the Soviet market but also a direct transit link to the Far East via the Trans-Siberian railway.

Nato partners, as well as the German navy, are known to have voiced strong objections to the project on security grounds, saying they feared that the Russians would use the link to spy on West German military installations.

But the government spokesman, Mr Peter Boenisch, said these security considerations, raised especially by the Interior and the Defence Ministries, had been taken into account, and would be considered in the preparatory talks with Moscow. They were given assurances that security needs would be respected.

## Plan ties first knot

From Jane Walker in Madrid

Plan, the isolated Pyrenean village which advertised for brides, has announced its first wedding after a romantic three-day fiesta last month when some 200 hopeful single women arrived in the village to meet the town's 120 lonely bachelors.

Banns were called in Plan's church on Sunday by the local priest, Father Jacinto Brallans, who in three weeks' time, will wed a local farmer, Mr Mariano Leste, aged 37, and Maria Angeles Pedreira, a 30-year-old nurse.

Father Brallans, who last month said that he had performed more funerals in Plan during the past 20 years than weddings, was delighted by the news.

## Underpaid Eurocrats who toil in the cold

From our own correspondent in Strasbourg

A harrowing picture of EEC officials huddled in their overcoats in unheated offices while they toil unpaid for Europe was revealed to MEPs yesterday.

Buried in a highly critical report on the workings of the EEC institutions, compiled by the Conservative MEP for London South-east, Mr Peter Price, is a section on the acceptable face of Eurocracy.

More than one in 10 of the EEC Commission's A-grade officials worked unpaid, on Saturdays and Sundays, Mr Price found.

"One of them are entitled to overtime or days off in lieu, some came in every weekend. Others came as and

when the need arose. They gave their time freely because of their commitment to their work," he writes.

Mr Price criticises the Commission for not always understanding or supplying its highly motivated staff. Buildings were closed at weekends, to save around £45 in overtime payments to security men and where possible heating was switched off.

Mr Price's admiration for the 2,414 A-grade officials is not matched in his overall view of the Commission's total administrative staff of 9,357, in 20 directorates. He particularly questions the "exceptionally high figure" of 12 days' year average sick leave, costing around £6 million.

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## CIA given 'unlimited' secrecy

Washington: The US Supreme Court yesterday gave the CIA practically unlimited power to keep its intelligence sources secret.

By a 7 to 2 vote, the justices said it is up to the secret service to specify who is an intelligence source protected from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a federal law that requires government agencies to review and release confidential documents.

The court overturned a ruling that in some cases—such as when the agency is merely trying to avoid public outrage—could have forced the CIA to reveal its sources.

The court dismissed a ruling that could have forced the CIA to disclose the names of researchers who took part in a notorious programme in the 1950s and 1960s involving brainwashing and experimental drugs.

"Congress intended to give the Director of Central Intelligence broad powers to protect the secrecy and integrity of the intelligence process," said the Chief Justice, Warren E. Burger, in his opinion for the court. "The reasons are too obvious to call for enlarged discussion. Without such protection the agency would be virtually impotent."

The case involved a programme with the code name MK-Ultra in which some individuals unwittingly were administered LSD and other drugs and at least two died because of the experiments. The US Circuit Court of Appeals here ruled in 1983 that the CIA may not refuse automatically to disclose the names of the researchers involved in the research programme—AP.

## Extradition order marks Israeli victory

From Michael White in Washington

In obtaining an extradition order against a retired American car worker believed to be a former guard at Treblinka extermination camp, the Israeli Government has won a potentially significant test case in the US courts. The price, however, might be a diplomatic understanding not to inflict the death penalty if the man is convicted.

John Demjanjuk, who allegedly earned the nickname "Ivan the Terrible" for his

sadistic oversight of the gas chamber at Treblinka finally lost his case in a federal court at Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday. Judge Frank Battisti, who striped Demjanjuk of his US citizenship in 1981 after concluding that he had lied to get it, ordered the 65-year-old pensioner's immediate arrest, but delayed extradition pending an early appeal.

If deported, Demjanjuk would be the first important Nazi war criminal to be tried by Israel since Adolph Eichmann was kidnapped from Argentina, tried, and executed in 1962. Legal bids to extradite other known Nazis have been frustrated in South American courts on the grounds that Israel did not exist and thus had no jurisdiction at the time the crimes were committed.

In the Demjanjuk case, the Israeli Government, assisted by Justice Department lawyers, which took the case to court, has chosen one backed by many affidavits and other evidence to be reasonably sure of winning the first Nazi extradition it has sought since the

US-Israel extradition treaty of 1963.

Informed observers here have predicted that the case may be used to extradite other suspects, though there were some suggestions in diplomatic circles that Israel and the state department may have reached an understanding whereby Demjanjuk, a Ukrainian who worked for the SS and came to America in 1952, would not suffer Eichmann's fate. This could not immediately be confirmed.

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## Peru resignations rejected

From Michael Reid in Lima

The Prime Minister, Mr Luis Perovich, and his Cabinet offered their resignations after the sweeping opposition victory in Sunday's elections, but they were not accepted by President Belaunde Terry.

Mr Perovich said that the appointment of a multi-party Cabinet—including members of Apra, which won the election—would facilitate the handing over of power to the new government, due to take office on July 22. The official vote count, which began on Monday, will not be completed

until next month, the electoral authorities said.

Unofficial projections give Mr Alan Garcia of the left-of-centre Apra about 48 per cent of the presidential vote, just short of the absolute majority needed for his immediate election.

If the projections are confirmed, Mr Garcia will have to fight a runoff ballot against the second-placed candidate, Mr Alfonso Barrantes, of the Marxist-orientated United Left Front, who won about 23 per cent of the vote.

Mr Barrantes has rejected

suggestions that he declined to contest the second ballot because of Mr Garcia's big lead.

He said that the Constitution requires a second ballot to be held against his vote, though his vote would rise to over 25 per cent in the final count.

It is the first time that the two-round electoral system has been used in Peru. In addition, under a new electoral law criticised by the Apra, blank and disqualified votes have to be counted as valid in computing the 50 per cent target needed for a first-round victory. A rule that made a runoff ballot almost inevitable.

## Ortega attacks US peace plan

Managua: President Ortega

made a direct appeal to the US Congress, asking for a vote against President Reagan's request for \$14 million in aid to Nicaraguan rebels.

If the Congress votes in favour of Mr Reagan's proposal, "it will be voting in favour of a policy of aggression, interventionism, crime, and terrorism against the people of Nicaragua," Mr Ortega said in a surprise appearance on the Nicaraguan national television network's propaganda programme

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## OVERSEAS NEWS

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Seven houses destroyed as troops search Shi'ite village

### Israelis stop UN from observing operation

From Ian Black in Nagura, S Lebanon  
Israeli troops yesterday forcibly prevented United Nations peace keeping forces from observing a large-scale search in the South Lebanese village of Yater. Seven houses were destroyed during the operation.

Reports from officers of the Irish UN battalion stationed in the area said about 250 Israeli troops were led into the village at dawn by 40 members of the militia. Many people were questioned and eight detained.

Israeli troops cordoned off Yater during the eight-hour operation, and several Irish soldiers were reportedly forced to leave the village under threat from a plain-clothes security man and a uniformed Israeli officer. UN headquarters here lodged an official protest.

"It was the first time in a long period that UN personnel were denied freedom of movement to observe an Israeli search operation," said a spokesman, Mr. Timor Golek. "It was also the first time that local militia men have participated in a search in a UN area."

Yater is a predominantly Shi'ite village just beyond what is likely to be the northern border of the planned Israeli security zone. Last month villagers burned three cars being used by the Israeli Shin Bet intelligence officers who the occupied area looking for suspected guerrillas.

Yesterday's search operation

adds weight to the theory that the Israelis are using their final weeks to "clean up" the border strip and make things easier for the militia after they go. Irish officers believe recent incidents provoked by the militia are intended to dislodge the blue berets.

Israeli military sources say that the security zone will be controlled by the local militiamen working with the south Lebanese Army, and that their own army personnel will stay behind. Many people find this claim difficult to believe, if only because it seems highly likely that the militia and the SLA will be totally ineffective in keeping the area quiet without direct and permanent Israeli advice and assistance.

Apart from the raids on Yater, the occupied area was relatively peaceful yesterday, although a visit to the militant Shi'ite village of Bourj Bahal 150mm cannon shells exploding in an orchard on the northern side of the Litani River presumably a form of reconnaissance by fire.

The evacuation, meanwhile, is continuing briskly, with signs of an imminent Israeli pullout from the Tyre region. A small group of correspondents driving down the coastal road yesterday saw one convoy of 13 heavy trucks removing prefabricated metal water towers and the pre-cast concrete blocks the Israelis use as roadblocks.

On the northern outskirts of Tyre, where the shops are shut and the streets almost deserted, the Israeli presence is taking on a temporary appearance. Solid barriers across the road have been replaced by a single soldier yanking a threadbare string to allow friendly vehicles to pass, and the ubiquitous concrete blocks have given way to mounds of earth scattered at the entrance to the silent city.



Making points: Mr. Weizman (left) and President Mubarak pursue constructive engagement in Cairo yesterday

### Iran charges Baghdad with gas attacks

From Ian Guest in Geneva

The Iranian Foreign Minister, Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, told the UN Conference on Disarmament here yesterday that 4,600 Iranians have been killed or wounded by Iraqi forces in poison gas attacks since March 3.

Iraq had used aircraft to spray a compound consisting of tabun and cyanide during the recent fighting, Dr. Velayati said. Mustard gas had also been used.

for the death and maiming of an estimated 1.5 million troops during the First World War. Tabun is a nerve agent that was developed but never used during the Second World War.

Their use in the Gulf War was confirmed by a UN team which visited Iran in March last year.

Dr. Velayati said that the latest use of chemical weapons by the Iraqi forces had occurred while the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Perez de Cuellar, was in Baghdad during his recent visit to the Gulf.

He said that Iran has suggested to the UN that a permanent UN mission should be stationed in Tehran to monitor the use of chemical weapons. A group of about 45 Iranian soldiers, suffering from chemical weapons poisoning, has arrived at Vienna airport, and been sent to hospitals around Europe.

Dr. Gernot Fausser, the chief physician in the intensive care ward at Vienna's general hospital, said that the casualties who arrived on Monday "have such severe injuries that maybe only 10 to 20 per cent of them will survive."

### Mubarak keen on summit

CAIRO: President Mubarak was "very very positive" about the idea of a summit with the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. Peres, Mr. Ezer Weizman, the Israeli Minister Without Portfolio, said yesterday.

Mr. Weizman, however, warned that a meeting would depend on "certain preparations," and Egyptian sources said Mr. Mubarak still had reservations about a meeting.

Although Egypt in 1979 was the only Arab state to sign a peace treaty with Israel, it withdrew its ambassador from Tel Aviv in 1982.

According to Egyptian sources, Cairo also wants to see signs of a response by Israel and the United States to current efforts by moderate Arab countries to restart talks on settling the broader Arab-Israeli dispute.

### US to sell arms to Algeria

From David Ottaway in Washington  
The Reagan Administration has decided to allow Algeria to purchase arms from the United States for the first time since the country's independence 23 years ago, sources said.

The decision, consisting of a presidential determination declaring Algeria eligible, was made on April 10, apparently in preparation for a four-day state visit by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid that began yesterday.

A State Department spokesman, confirming the report, said any Algerian arms request would be considered by the Administration "on a case-by-case basis" and in a manner "consistent with the US interest in peace and regional stability."

This apparently was an allusion to the long-standing rivalry between Algeria and Morocco, a close US political and military ally. This rivalry has been complicated by the fact that Morocco has been fighting an Algerian-supported independence movement by guerrillas in the Western Sahara just to the south. The US earlier sold Algeria some 130 transport planes and has just approved a \$750,000 international military education and training programme for Algerian officers this fiscal year.—The Washington Post.

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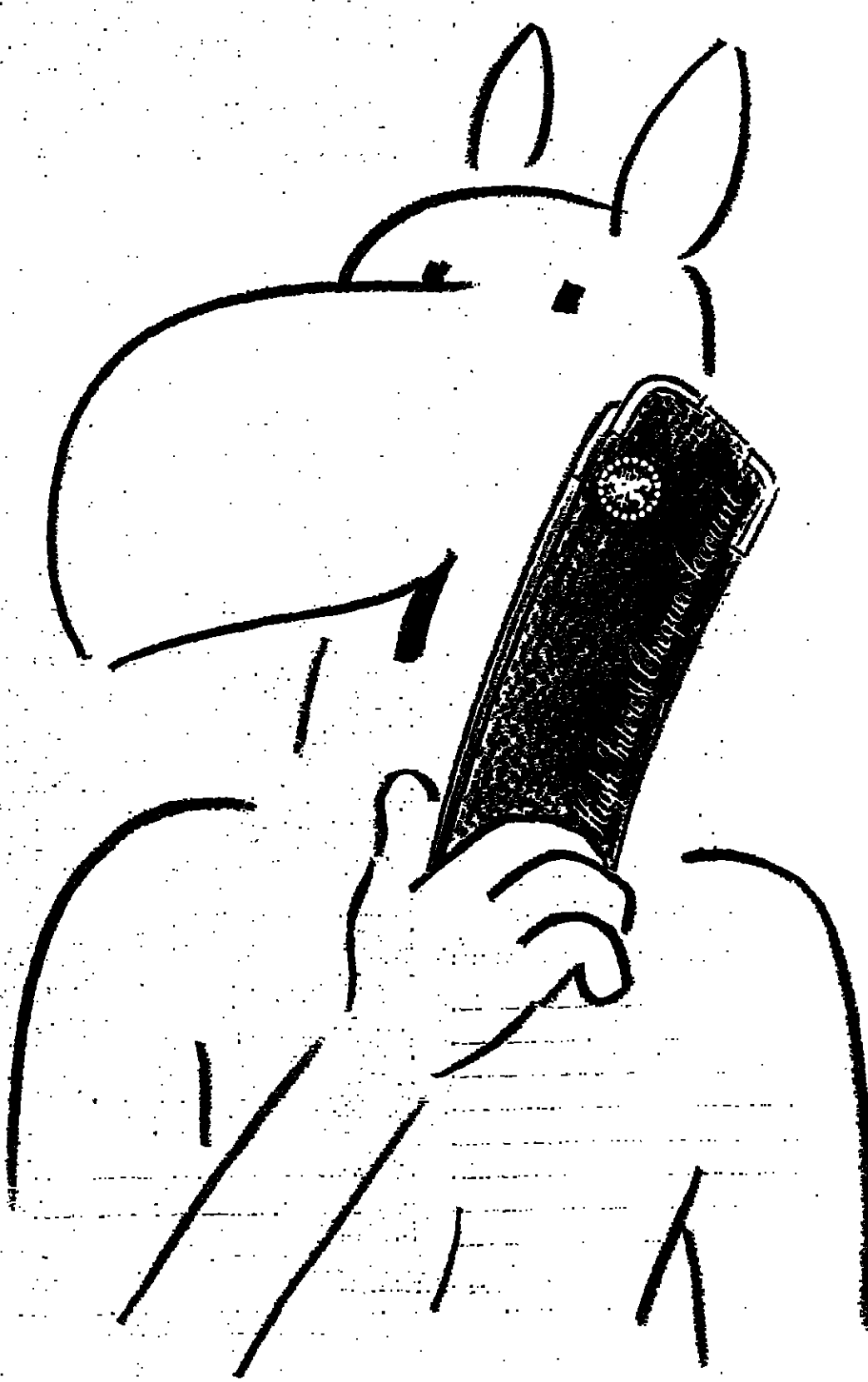
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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Hormones inquiry arrest

POLICE made another arrest yesterday in a probe into a multi-million dollar trade in illegal, cattle-fattening hormones, justice officials reported in Brussels. They said a senior executive of the Luxembourg firm Dipha gave himself up to police. Two other employees of the company and two farmers are already in custody.

Certain hormones injected into cattle increase weight and improve meat texture, but their use in Belgium is banned because of scientific evidence that they may cause cancer in humans. — Reuter.

#### New editor

MR. Andrew Graham-Yooll, aged 41, has been appointed editor of South, the Third World magazine, following the death of Mr. Deniz Peiris. He has been the deputy editor of South since April, 1984. Mr. Graham-Yooll was born in Buenos Aires. At the age of 22 he joined the Buenos Aires Herald, becoming its news editor and political writer. In 1976, due to differences with the government in Argentina, he moved to London, where he worked first for the Daily Telegraph and later for the Guardian.

#### Three killed

POLICE opened fire yesterday on stone-throwing crowds and killed three people, doctors and witnesses said in Karachi. Troops in lorries armed with machine-guns were deployed in three areas of eastern Karachi to try to control the protests, which students launched after a bus killed one girl student and seriously injured another. — Reuter.

#### Sheep at risk

MORE than 600,000 of Australia's 140 million sheep die every year while being carried in lorries, an animal welfare group said yesterday. At least one per cent of sheep per delivery were dead by the time they reached their destination at farm or abattoir, according to the RSPCA. — Reuter.

#### Food appeal

MALI, one of 23 drought-hit countries in Africa, urgently needs 102,000 tonnes of food aid to stave off famine, a UN report said yesterday. The Food and Agriculture Organisation said the West African state would have a deficit of some 481,780 tonnes of food grain in the 1984-85 farming season. — Reuter.

#### Go home plan

THE Dutch Government is planning a trial scheme to help jobless "guestworkers" to return to their home countries and still receive social security payments, a Social Affairs Ministry spokesman said yesterday. Nationalities mainly affected are Turks, Moroccans, Surinamese, and Antilleans. — Reuter.

#### Sinking base

NAVY officers have sent a distress signal to the Ministry of Works to help stop a navy communications base from sinking in the middle of New Zealand's volcanic desert region. The Irirangi base, 124 miles north of Wellington, has 85 sailors aboard. — AP.

#### Crash deaths

ALL 11 people on board a Thai Airways Boeing 737 were killed when the plane crashed and exploded in flames near the southern holiday resort of Phuket, an airline official said yesterday. — Reuter.

#### Hope for Games

CHINA indicated yesterday that it would take part in the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988, if there continues to be progress in relations between North and South Korea. — Reuter.

#### TV strike

DUTCH radio and television are scheduled to go off the air for 18 hours today as broadcasting employees stage an unprecedented strike to protest against government rejection of a recently negotiated contract. — AP.

#### Games on board

SINGAPORE Airlines said yesterday that it would equip its planes with computer games to entertain passengers. — Reuter.



## Transport unions begin to blockade Queensland

From Richard Vallop in Melbourne

Australian transport unions begin a blockade of Queensland today, in retaliation against legislation passed by the right-wing state government which curtails the right to strike and threatens trade unionists with fines of up to \$30,000.

The industrial officer of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, responsible for the blockade, Mr Ian Court, said last night that the legislation passed by the 74-year-old Queensland Premier, Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, and his National Party Government, was "the most determined attempt to remove union freedoms that I can remember in Australia in the last 50 years."

The federal Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Mr Ralph Willis, said that the new laws contravened International Labour Organisation conventions.

Sir Joh's action has been widely interpreted as an outright attempt to break the union movement in Queensland, in the process exploiting the Australian public's dislike of unions, a dislike particularly marked in the conservative far-north state of Queensland.

It is also part of the "holier" war fought by Sir Joh, a devout fundamentalist Christian, against the Australian labour movement. Responding at the weekend to an industrial peace initiative from the Prime Min-

ister, Mr Bob Hawke, Sir Joh quoted from the Bible: "Thou art weighed in the balance and art found wanting."

The brunt of the state Government's attack has been borne by Mr Ray Dempsey, a 30-year-old who moved to Australia 20 years ago and recently became general secretary of the Queensland trades and Labour Council. "It is the kind of thing you would expect in South Africa, not Australia," Mr Dempsey said.

The confrontation goes back to a strike in February by power workers protesting at the use of non-union labour in the state-run electricity board. Brisbane and other parts of the state were blacked out in protest for a fortnight.

Sir Joh stipulated two conditions for reinstatement of the dismissed workers: they would

A SYDNEY magistrate yesterday found a prima facie case that the High Court judge, Mr Justice Lionel Murphy, had attempted to pervert the course of justice.

The stipendiary magistrate at the committal hearing, Mr Justice Riedel, said there was evidence that in the conversations between Mr Justice Murphy and the New South Wales chief magistrate, Mr Charles Brice, Mr Justice Murphy had intended Mr Brice to use his position to have the charges dropped against Mr Morgan Ryan, a Sydney solicitor.

be reinstated with all their former benefits if they agreed to give the names of the strike ringleaders; or alternatively, if they agreed to sign a no-strike undertaking, they would be reemployed under a new set of conditions, with their previous 36-hour week extended to 38 hours, and their nine-day fortnight to 10 days. Some men have returned to work, but about 800 remain on strike.

The Government followed up with laws threatening £800 fines for unionists involved in demonstration disputes, and £30,000 fines for union members failing to give seven days' notice of a strike. Sir Joh is said to have been influenced by the Thatcher Government's anti-union legislation.

Sir Joh, a peanut farmer, said unionists had become "like bullocks cornered into the yard. I am not going to allow these militant people the same people who run Hawke — to let anarchy reign here."

He has combined anti-union moves with laws which seem intended to discourage the media from reporting industrial disputes. Four journalists were subpoenaed to appear in court to disclose evidence on conversations between Mr Justice Murphy and the New South Wales chief magistrate, Mr Charles Brice.

The blockade is intended to close Queensland from air, sea, road, and rail traffic from midnight on Thursday for 24 hours.



MEASURING THE PACE: Mr Hu Yaobang, secretary-general of the Chinese Communist Party, pauses to admire a boomerang in Canberra's Commonwealth Park. Mr Hu revealed that he carries a pedometer to measure his fitness exercises.

## Guerrillas inflict heavy losses on Russian armed convoy

### Afghan trap brings to a halt Soviet offensive

New Delhi: Soviet troops, launching one of the biggest offensives in Afghanistan for more than a year, were ambushed by guerrillas who surrounded them in a valley and inflicted heavy casualties, western diplomats said yesterday.

Mojahedin guerrillas were aware of the slow-moving Soviet operation well in advance of its beginning on April 9 or 10, and set up key firing positions and mined parts of the road leading from the bases in Kabul, the diplomats said.

The Russians first bombed suspected rebel positions in the town of Jelez, but the guerrillas reportedly had already withdrawn from the area.

A Russian convoy — one of at least three containing hundreds of troops, military vehicles, tanks, armoured personnel carriers, self-propelled howitzers and surface-to-air missiles — was ambushed and surrounded as it moved into the Maydan valley and toward Jelez, reports said.

The convoys were backed by SU26 jets, Mi24 helicopter gunships, and Mi8 light transport helicopters fitted with rockets for supporting ground troops, diplomats said. However, one report said that the Russians were forced to withdraw.

Two Russian helicopters were reported shot down in the fighting in the Maydan valley of Wardak province, 28 miles south-west of Kabul, said the diplomats. The Russians reportedly suffered heavy casualties. A doctor at a 400-bed hospital in

Kabul was quoted as saying that a large number of wounded had been brought in from Maydan.

The Russians entered Afghanistan in December 1979 and installed a pro-Moscow Government headed by President Karmal. Western diplomats estimate that there are more than 100,000 Soviet troops fighting guerrillas throughout the country.

Guerrillas were reported to be attacking the Soviet base around the Kujat dam, in the southern province of Helmand. Two SU17 jets and one of their two of four helicopters were shot down by guerrillas.

Soviet forces swept through Paghman, west of Kabul, on April 10 and 11, inflicting many civilian casualties through indiscriminate bombing but losing at least three helicopters, one report said.

Rebel activity in the capital last week was reported at its highest level this year. Six missiles reportedly landed near a Soviet base and housing complex in the south-eastern part of the city last Saturday.

Soviet forces in Afghanistan have been seen for the first time with large ground-to-air missiles of a type used in the Iran-Iraq war, sources said yesterday. Columns of heavily armed troops moving out of Kabul last week were seen with Frog 7 missiles and portable firing platforms. —AP.

## Tamils and Muslims in renewed fighting

Colombo: Muslims and Tamils fought each other in fresh clashes in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province and scores of houses and shops were destroyed, the Government said yesterday.

The Information Ministry said in a statement that in one incident, 30 armed guerrillas led 250 Tamils in an attack on Muslims in the town of Akkaraipattu.

"They set fire to shops belonging to Muslim traders by throwing petrol bombs. Fifty shops were damaged," it said, adding that Muslims retaliated by destroying 54 Tamil houses.

Police who rushed to the scene shot at the "terrorists" who returned fire and fled. The number of guerrillas killed or wounded was not known, while there were no police casualties. The statement did not say if there were any civilian casualties.

About 125 houses belonging to Tamil and Muslim residents in Akkaraipattu town were destroyed as a result of the clashes between the two communities yesterday, the police officer said.

Official sources said that sporadic incidents were reported to Akkaraipattu yesterday, but other areas of the province were calm after five days of clashes that claimed 30 lives. The trouble was ignited by the killings of three Muslims by Tamil guerrillas fighting for a separate Tamil state.

for a separate Tamil state. 12,000 people had been made homeless by the violence. They said that a night curfew was reimposed in Akkaraipattu and other towns in Eastern Province, where Muslims and Tamils have been fighting since the start of the war.

Indian army units were placed on standby yesterday for a possible move into Akkaraipattu after renewed violence in the western city on Monday killed four people and wounded six. The Press Trust of India reported.

Police opened fire to disperse angry crowds rampaging through the streets, but violence erupted when a group of student protesters started throwing stones in the city's Astoria district, the agency said. An indefinite curfew has been clamped on several suburbs.

MARCOS: The Philippines intends to seek the aid of Islamic countries in reviving peace talks with Muslim separatist rebels, President Marcos has told a visiting Islamic official.

President Marcos said, however, he wants to deal with "responsible groups" in the Moro National Liberation Front which is leading a revolt. Muslim self-rule in southern Mindanao.

The President talked of a government programme to end the Mindanao conflict during a lunch he gave at the presidential palace on Monday for Abdul Omar Nasseer, the secretary-general of the Muslim World League (Rabithah).

"It will be my intention from now on to seek the help of the Rabithah and the Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference to bring about the possibility of our Government dealing with a responsible group in order to enforce the provisions of the Tripoli agreement," President Marcos said.

Meanwhile, the military ordered troops to shoot to kill if necessary in the hunt for the killers of an Italian Roman Catholic priest shot by a group of men identified by religious circles as government-armed militiamen.

The Reverend Tullion Farrah, age 33, a member of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions, was killed on Thursday in the village of La Esperanza, in Cotabato province, 500 miles south-east of Manila. AP/Reuters.

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## GLC

### Senior Financial Manager

This appointment is within the grants division serving the Police, Education, and Women's Committees. The work of the division broadly covers the financial assessment and reporting of applications to the Council for grant aid, payment of grants, accounting and monitoring. The post also covers budget preparation and monitoring, financial advice and service accounting functions.

In addition to supervising the preparation of financial reports and provision of advice to senior officers and committees, responsibilities include overseeing the operation of the Council's accounting and grants management computer systems. Meeting and advising applicant/aided groups is an essential part of the job.

Applicants should have either a full accounting qualification with some experience at senior financial management level or 5 years' minimum financial experience - 2 at a senior level. Effective communication skills are essential, with proven ability to convey financial information in non-technical terms. The capacity to identify priorities within a highly pressured environment is pre-requisite.

Salary: £14,781 - £16,545 inclusive.

### Financial Manager

An experienced finance specialist with proven skills in professional communication with non-financial people is sought to provide effective co-ordination and financial management of the Council's activities, including grant aid. Typically the work may include examination of voluntary sector grant applications and accounts submitted, meeting and advising groups receiving funding, budget preparation, expenditure monitoring and general accounting functions. There is also a limited administrative role to play in advising Members and officers.

Applicants should be fully qualified accountants with some practical financial management experience, part-qualified with 2 years' financial management background, or have 5 years' financial experience at an appropriate level within a large organisation. Proven ability in writing reports and organising a heavy workload efficiently to meet tight deadlines is essential.

Salary: £13,945 - £14,781 inclusive.

### Senior Finance Officer

This appointment is with the Schools & Development Section. Broadly, the work is concerned with assisting in preparing annual estimates; Government grant claims and recurrent charges; monitoring teaching staff costs and miscellaneous educational costs; expenditure and dealing with all aspects of accounts for ILEA schools.

Applicants should be fully qualified accountants with some financial work experience or part-qualified (including AAT) with 2 years' experience or have 4 years' financial background in a large organisation. Good communication skills with the ability to convey technical information to non-financial people are essential, as is proven ability to work to tight deadlines.

Salary: £13,325 - £14,781 inclusive.

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

For an application form, to be returned by 3rd May 1985, write to: GLC Finance Department, Room 296, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 3669.

These posts are suitable for job sharing.

## UNITED KINGDOM HOUSING TRUST

### PRINCIPAL HOUSING OFFICER

United Kingdom Housing Trust requires a qualified (HMACQSW) person to join the regional team at Hounslow. The duties will include responsibility for the letting function as well as day-to-day management issues.

The Housing Management function is undergoing re-organisation and the appointee will participate in that process, with the object of providing a forward-looking and responsive service to a multi-cultural community.

Salary: £8,780 plus 1985 Outer London Weighting (July review).

Application form from:

Care Roberts  
Personnel Officer  
UKHT  
167 Oxford Street  
London W1  
Tel 01-494 2211

The closing date for this vacancy will be 1st May, 1985.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

£9,004 (review pending)

The BMA is the doctors' professional association and registered trade union. This new post provides administrative support for, and is the main liaison point between, the Head of Central Specialist Services and the Secretary of the Association.

The post holder must have experience of drafting reports, briefs and correspondence on a wide range of topics and of servicing committees. Knowledge of the NHS and the workings of a professional association would be helpful.

The salary is on an incremental scale, and holidays are 22 days per annum. If you meet our requirements and have an "A" level education (minimum), please apply in writing, with full career details, to Anne Chatterton, Personnel Officer, BMA, 111, Strand, London WC2R 0AL.

The closing date for this vacancy is 30th April 1985.

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## ABERDEEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### LECTURER

In Youth and Community Work

Applications are invited from candidates experienced in Youth and Community Work with a particular interest in development work with women and girls. The appointment is for a fixed term of 2 years initially.

The successful applicant will be expected to take up duty on 1st June, 1985 or by arrangement. Salary Scale: £8,585 - £13,716. (Placing may be given for suitable experience.)

The post will involve considerable travelling in the North of Scotland including the islands.

Further information and form of application may be obtained from the College Secretary, Aberdeen College of Education, Hillon Place, Aberdeen AB9 1FA, with whom all applications must be lodged by Friday, 3rd May, 1985.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

### PARK LANE HOSPITAL MAGHULL, LIVERPOOL

### SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER (SENIOR PRACTITIONER)

THE HOSPITAL: Park Lane is a new Special Hospital directly administered by the Department of Health and Social Security providing treatment under conditions of security for mentally disordered male patients who are compulsorily detained under the Mental Health Act.

THE JOB: Particular emphasis is placed upon Psychiatric Social Work at an advanced level and there is considerable scope for therapeutic work in connection with the psycho-social and family problems of the patients. Treatment programmes are directed towards rehabilitation and re-socialisation, and consequently the Social Work Department places particular emphasis on arrangements for the rehabilitation and after-care of patients in liaison with Local Authority departments and other Social Work agencies. In addition the job presents excellent opportunities for participation in treatment and discharge procedures within a multi-disciplinary team setting, with an emphasis on close co-operation.

THE CANDIDATE: The successful candidate should hold a qualification in Social Work approved by the Council for Training in Social Work and have at least two years' post qualification experience in a relevant professional setting. Motivation to seek further professional development is required. Where possible every encouragement will be given to enable special skills or interest to be developed. Candidates with an interest in working with groups may find the post stimulating and interesting.

SALARY: £10,670-£11,600 p.a. (inclusive of Special Hospitals Higher Environmental Allowance currently payable at £894 p.a.).

The post is superannuable under the NHS Superannuation Scheme. Married or single person accommodation may be available if required. Application forms and job description may be obtained from The Secretary, Advisory Appointments Committee, Park Lane Hospital, Maghull, Liverpool L31 1BQ. (Telephone: 051-551 6022, extension 254).

If further information is required, or if applicants would like to see the Hospital, they should contact Mr R. Fitzpatrick, Principal Social Worker (ext. 542).

Closing date for application form: 2nd May 1985.

## CONTROLLER

### CHILD CARE AND FAMILY SERVICES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

GRADE P.O. 40 Salary £14,350-£15,367

This third tier post is based at central office; the postholder being responsible for the management of day care and residential facilities, coupled with an overall responsibility for the development of county-wide services and the monitoring of practices.

The Authority is committed to the effective policy of community-based care that is complemented by the creative use of residential day care units.

We wish to continue developing integrated practice between field, residential and day care services, as well as through increasing our community development initiatives and partnerships that are part of our community care policy.

If you have a social work qualification and management experience of at least five years, have the capacity for original thought and can respond to the challenge of today's personal social services, then contact Michael Hepp, Assistant Director - Operations, on Gloucester (0452) 21444, ext. 593, for an informal discussion. Interviews will be held on Friday, 17th May 1985.

Further particulars and application forms, returnable by 3rd May 1985, obtainable from the Director of Social Services, Basement Wing, Shire Hall, Gloucester GL1 2TR. Telephone Gloucester (0452) 21444, ext. 593.

## Gloucestershire County Council

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## Suffolk County Council

Chief Executive & County Clerk's Department

### PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT (RESEARCH AND INFORMATION)

Post A.142

Grade MA. £12,345 - £13,356

The post holds a small but busy research and information unit providing policy and information input to the County Council through advice to the Policy group of Committees and a support to the Chief Executive. Policy relevant projects will be undertaken or supervised in association with other departmental projects. The post will be responsible for developing and co-ordinating public relations activities.

Applicants should have a degree in a research discipline such as statistics, economics or social science, experience of research work in local government and a first-hand knowledge of financial policy as it affects Local Government. The ability to organise project work, to write clear and concise reports and to implement decisions is most important.

The County Council has a scheme of financial assistance for research and training in appropriate cases.

Application forms and further details are available from the Chief Executive and County Clerk's Department, County Hall, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 2JG. (Tel: Ipswich 02061 Ext 4420).

Candidates wishing to discuss this post informally may contact Mr Michael, Principal Officer, ext 4574 or Mr Robinson, Assistant County Clerk, ext 6204.

Completed forms should be returned by 28th April 1985.

## GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The following posts will be based at the new Felling Centre situated in Felling, Felling.

The post holder will be employed by the Director of Education and seconded to the Management Committee of the Felling Centre.

### The Senior Youth Worker

will be responsible for the leadership and co-ordination of a group of youth workers in the Felling Centre, for the co-ordination of all activities taking place on behalf of the Felling Centre, and for the supervision and management of both full-time and part-time staff.

Grade: JNC Range 4 (points 5-9) £10,200 - £11,582.

### The Youth Worker

will be particularly responsible for developing a range of activities with groups of young people both within and outside of the centre.

Grade: JNC Range 3 (points 4-8) £9,585 - £9,851.

The Felling Centre is being established by means of the conversion of a former Methodist Church and it will offer substantial facilities for a wide range of activities in addition to traditional youth activities.

Application forms and further particulars are available from the Director of Personnel and Management Services, 7th Floor, Tynegate House, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU. (Tel: Newcastle 091 275 0000) ext 275 0000. Closing date: 30th April 1985.

## THE ALDWYCK COMPANY LTD

### REHABILITATION TEAM LEADER

£9,500 - £12,500 + company car

We are seeking an experienced person to lead and develop a team concerned with all aspects of the rehabilitation of residential property in Bedford.

The successful applicant must be able to produce drawings and specifications for a large-scale project, developing and supervising a team of staff. He or she must be able to liaise effectively with Council Officers and residents in order to achieve a high standard of work.

A professional qualification in building surveying, quantity surveying or architecture would be an advantage. Salary negotiable on a year-on-year contract.

For further details and an application form please contact: Mrs Doreen, Aldwyck Company Ltd, 15a Station Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Tel: Hemel Hempstead (0494) 6666. Closing date: 30th April.

## Better Services for Mentally Handicapped People

### Locum Manager

Scale 6 Salary circa £9,780 inclusive

The Gardiner Hill Centre is an NHS Project offering day care and social education for up to 36 adults with severe learning disability and physical handicap. In co-operation with the Social Services Department, the Managers have implemented a social education care service-model for an experimental period of six months and four new staff are already in post (Instructors and Day Service Aides). The team resources include occupational therapy and physiotherapy and there is excellent input from a wide range of paramedical staff. You will be responsible for managing the permanent staff and co-ordinating the work of the larger team, including liaising with L.E.A.'s Integration Project. You will have a major role in the evaluation of the experiment and be well placed to help us decide on how to take it forward.

Applicants should hold professional qualifications relevant to mental handicap and social education and have substantial experience as a Senior Instructor, Deputy Social Education Centre Managers or work in Special Schools.

Candidates should arrange to visit Gardiner Hill by telephoning Irene Goring, Administrator on 01-767 5413. Informal discussion may be had by telephoning David McLaughlin, Principal Officer, Wandsworth Social Services Department on 01-871 6917. (Ref: G/781).

## Community Care for Physically Handicapped Adults

### Assistant Manager

£7,803-£9,510 inclusive

Randall Close Day Centre is a modern, purpose-built building in Battersea, catering for up to 50 physically handicapped adults each day. There is a wide variety of activities, including craft work, social skills training and recreational pursuits. We now require an additional Assistant Manager to join the enthusiastic and committed staff team. You will need experience of working with this client group and a commitment to enhancing the dignity and independence of physically handicapped people. A relevant qualification (C.S.S.W., C.S.S., O.T.) would be an advantage. For further details and to arrange an informal visit please contact the Officer in Charge, Rosemary Odling 01-223 2248. (Ref: G/783).

Application forms from Director of Social Services, Town Hall, London SW18 2PU. Tel: 01-871 6236. Please quote appropriate reference number. Both posts close 3rd May.

## Wandsworth

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All applicants are encouraged to send their applications to the job irrespective of disability, race, sex or marital status

## HAMPSHIRE

### COUNTY RECREATION

### Senior Countryside Ranger

Scale 3/4 £5922 - £7329, plus weekend enhancement and overtime payments

Are you interested in joining a team responsible for managing 45 countryside sites, open to the public, throughout Hampshire which include major country parks, historical sites, picnic areas, nature reserves of international importance and a network of Rights of Way? We need a Senior Countryside Ranger with at least 23 years practical experience in Countryside Recreation and Conservation, and an ability to motivate and lead others in the central Hampshire area. He/she should have a strong interest in, and knowledge of, the countryside and be able to interpret it to others.

Benefits include assistance with removal expenses in approved cases, housing, vehicle, and protective clothing. For further details, job description and application forms, telephone Winchester 64221 ext. 54, or write to: County Recreation Officer, North Hill Close, Andover Road, Winchester, SO22 6AQ.

Closing date for applications: 7th May 1985.

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Experience in charity fundraising, public relations or advertising is desirable but not essential.

Salary £10,141.

For job description and application form please send to:

The Personnel Office, War on Want, 1 London Bridge Street, London SE1.

Closing date for returned application forms is Friday, 17th May, 1985.

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## QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKER

£9,252 - £11,964

You will join an established team working in the challenging area of Notting Hill.

We have a fully generic workload with a focus on mental health. There is space for the use and development of individual skills and interests. Informal enquiries are welcomed by any team member of Social Services, 140 Ladbroke Grove, London W10. Tel: 01-669 2433.

## The Royal Borough of KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

Application forms quoting Ref. 0685 from the Personnel Service, The Town Hall, Horton Street, London W8 7HX. Tel: 01-857 6582 (24 hour answering service).

Closing date for applications: 1st May, 1985.

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## FIELD DIRECTORS

Help the Aged requires Field Directors for health related programmes in Somalia and Ghana.

Previous overseas experience necessary.

Please send CV to Personnel Department, Help the Aged, 81 Jermyn Street, London EC1R 3JH.

Help the Aged

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Salary £13,137-£14,229

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Salary £8,772-£10,362

London Docklands Development Corporation is responsible for securing the permanent regeneration of London's Docklands.

An increasing planning workload is one indicator of the Corporation's success in bringing about a significant and growing volume of development. As Development Control Authority for its designated area we are able, therefore, to offer opportunities for two Implementation Planners and a Planning Administrator.

Implementation Planner candidates should be able to offer a broad base of experience in an urban planning department with direct involvement in both development control and implementation.

Planning Administrator candidates should have a good working knowledge of planning law and practice, and be able to demonstrate the ability to provide a

good public information and consultation service. Experience of a computerised planning application system would also be an advantage.

The Corporation operates on a decentralised basis and the successful candidates will work as integral members of interdisciplinary Area Teams with delegated responsibility for the operational achievement of a range of development programmes. These posts offer exciting and challenging opportunities to make a significant contribution to urban regeneration.

Candidates should write to me for an application form and further details: David Lowman, Personnel Manager, London Docklands Development Corporation, West India House, London, E14 9TJ.

We intend to start reviewing applications on May 13, 1985.



## CONCEPTS INTO ACTION

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## BRIMINGHAM CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SERVICES

### EXPERIENCED DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Salary £2,550 p.a.

To join a comprehensive development service in the regeneration of the city of Birmingham, we are seeking an experienced Development Worker to work on a full-time basis.

The successful applicant will have a thorough knowledge of housing development and a proven ability to work on a project basis. The post involves a high degree of responsibility and the successful candidate will be expected to work closely with the Housing Committee and the Housing Department.

Applicants should forward a full CV, to: Mr. J. H. Smith, Personnel Officer, Birmingham Co-operative Housing Services, 100, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HT. Tel: 01-233 3333. Closing date: 22nd May 1985.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANT/BOOK-KEEPER

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£3,000 per annum for 14 hours per week.

For application form and job description contact:

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is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from men and women from all sections of the community. It now has a vacancy for a

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This is a forward-looking project working in and with a multi-cultural community. Salary Scale: £9,501 - £11,255 incl.

For full details and application form contact Gillian Hall, Voluntary Action Camden, 253, Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0LH. Tel: 01-388 2071. Closing date: April 28, 1985.

## CAMPAIGN ORGANISER

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### WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN

Understanding of disarmament issues, and ability to communicate essential. Candidates must have campaigning or organisational experience and be able to motivate other people. Typing and office skills an advantage. Salary £7,500 - Job sharers welcomed.

Closing date for applications: 13th May 1985.

Please send full C.V. to: World Disarmament Campaign, 238 Camden Road, London NW1 9HE.

## VALE OF LLANGOLLEN CANAL BOAT TRUST

### Skipper/Boatman

required for specially-built narrowboat for disabled persons.

Salary £5,000 p.a.

Details of post and application form available from: Cheryl Voluntary Services Council, Station Road, Ruffin, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1HS. Tel: Ruffin 2441 or 2442.

Closing date: 28th April, 1985.

## Specialist Welfare Rights Adviser

£10,725 inclusive

To join the small team of 3 Advisers and 2 Administrative Staff in our busy Welfare Rights Unit which offers legal advice and tactical assistance to London Citizens Advice Bureaux on all Social Security problems.

This involves:

— giving advice on the telephone and in writing to CAB workers;

— producing information items;

— taking up policy issues arising from the work;

— organising and running training courses.

This requires an extensive and comprehensive knowledge of Social Security benefits and some training experience as you will have particular responsibility for the Unit's training work. Therefore, we need someone willing to take on the challenge of dealing with complex welfare rights problems under pressure and without direct contact with claimants.

For further information and application form contact Jan Tait, GLCASS Welfare Rights Unit, 59 Caledonian Road, London N1 8BU.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 1st May, 1985. Interviews will be held on 14th May, 1985.

This post is funded by the GLC but on a permanent contract.

As an equal opportunities employer, GLCASS wishes to encourage positively all applications regardless of disability, race, sex or creed.

This is a re-advertisement. Previous applicants will be considered.



# Subterranean blues

Association has decided, to the surprise of a number of its members, not to deduct any longer with sex education issues during their visits to schools, for the time being. Mrs Kelly also wrote to W. H. R. telling them they will not withdraw the leaflets until the publishers tell them so. The Family Planning Association has withdrawn two leaflets from circulation, though the same two leaflets are still available from the Brook Advisory Centres.

The problems have been compounded by the delay in the case reaching the House of Lords. The latest date is now June 24, though this may be put back again. The FFA's Public Officer, Romy Goodchild, is particularly irritated by the delay.

"By withdrawing the leaflets, we were trying to point out the damage that the Court of Appeal ruling had done," but in fact now that the affair has dragged on so long, the effect has been merely to make the FFA seem nervous, which was never the case.



Edward Greenfield welcomes RCA back to the classical market

## On the circuit again

IT HAS been a sad development in the record industry that over the last few years one of the six major companies in the world, RCA, has virtually abandoned the classical field. Occasional issues of middle-class repertoire by James Galway and Julian Bream have hardly been enough to service the reputation of a company with a back catalogue second-to-none.

New we are promised a return of RCA's Red Seal issues, and though the April list is hardly inspiring by the standards of some rival companies, it makes a welcome start, not just in the absence of Galway and Bream. Sir Michael Tippett's intense and concentrated oratorio, *The Vision of St Augustine*, for example, makes a timely return after a long absence from the catalogue (RL 89488) in a fervent performance conducted by the composer with John Shirley-Quirk as soloist.

Entirely new is a recording of Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony, now surprisingly under-represented in the catalogue—by Leonard Slatkin and the St Louis Symphony Orchestra (RL 85035), due to appear here in early May as part of an ambitious American festival. On this showing the playing of the St Louis Orchestra is as refined and polished as that of more prestigious American orchestras, particularly in the string section.

That is where in the hauntingly Adagio with open digital recording the St Louis violins gain even over those of the Berlin Philharmonic in Karajan's superb 1959 version, which DG released recently on the mid-price Signature label (410 992-1). Otherwise Karajan in one of his very finest interpretations is the more electrifying and intense, though Slatkin's expressive warmth and lightning playing are not far behind.

A double-album from Julian Bream's Guitarra (RL 85417-2) is an attractively compiled anthology of Spanish guitar music, designed to accompany Bream's current television series. The first side has early guitar music from the Middle Ages to Boqueron (an adopted Spaniard), played on a variety of instruments, vihuela as well as renaissance and baroque guitars.

Sor's big, beefy Sonata movement in D Op 14 begins the selection for the classical guitar, leading to two sides of 20th-century pieces mostly taken from Bream's recent Spanish series, among his very finest performances on record. The last item is the slow movement of Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* taken from the last of Bream's three recordings, a piece unavailable these days even on Radio 4's *Prayer for the Day*.

### Concert dates

**Battle/London** Sinfonietta, Elizabeth Hall tomorrow, 7.45. What is advertised as the Sinfonietta's *Beaumont* here presents a fully-staged version of Falla's *Master Peter's Puppet Show*, based on a sequence from Don Quixote. Elise Ross, Ian Calvey and Stephen Roberts are soloists. Also in the programme Dvorak's *Wind Serenade* and Strauss's *Bourgeois Gentleman Suite*. The Falla and Dvorak are being recorded on Friday lunchtime at 1. The last programme in the series (Saturday 7.45) has *Battle* conducting a programme of jazz-influenced music including Stravinsky's  *Ebony Concerto* (soloist Michael Collins), Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* (soloist Ronald Brautigam) and Milhaud's *La création du monde*.

**Kay/London** Handel Choir and Orchestra, St George's, Hanover Square, Saturday 7. The church where Handel worshipped presents an annual festival, but for ten years the church has been more ambitious, starting with Brian Kay conducting the rarely heard oratorio, *Alexander Balus*. Soloists: Gillian Fisher, Patricia Kwella, Charles Brett and Andrew King.

**Schneider/Chamber Orchestra of Europe**, Barbican, Sunday 7.30. Following four years of European tour this brilliant band of young professional musicians presents Haydn's *Sinfonia Concertante* in B flat with soloists from the orchestra. Also Mozart's *Symphony no. 38* and German Dances by Mozart and Schubert.

**Sinopoli/Philharmonia** Acropolis, Festival Hall, Monday 7.30. The partnership of two untypical Italians in Saint-Saëns' *Violin Concerto no. 3* should prove interesting. Also in the programme Ravel's *Tombou de Couperin* and Scriabin's *Poème d'Extase*.

**Membrin/ECO**, Barbican, Monday 7.45. The Membrin Bach series here brings an attractive grouping of the A minor Violin Concerto with the Peasant and Coffee Cantatas.



RANGLD GLAMOUR—Lindsay Kemp's *Big Parade* at Sadler's Wells. Picture by Douglas Jeffery

Nicholas de Jongh reviews *The Big Parade* at Sadler's Wells

## A golden age of silents

LINDSAY Kemp, the maestro of rancid glamour whose productions tend to be elegies for outcasts and misfits, has come back to London with a black and white lament for the passing of silent films and those antique celluloid items of desire, the first movie stars.

It is a lament filtered through the eyes and mind of a discarded director (shades of Stroheim) who is dimly seen at the evening's inception, teetering towards us to the accompaniment of all those familiar Kemp marks.

Dressed in black, with his face coloured white like a clown he stands on a stage adorned by prosthetic figures, a turquoise curtain decorated with spangled silver and defunct movie cameras. The fact that this hero looks like an animated cadaver is no accident.

But then the Director intervenes, to take his Star in his own arms. And when the Goddess is supplanted and returns with whip and revolver, the shot she fires may be real.

In a series of fluid scenes, with the Director functioning both as Maestro with the megaphone and sometimes performer himself, Kemp repeats an idea first paraded in his marvellous *Nijinsky*: the director is never certain where the separation comes between film, fantasy and actuality. "Take" is the first instruction which flashes on the back cloth and there is the star and the latin lover going through their staid old two stepping routine, the idol is surrounded by a succession of vamps, the last of them the glowing erotic grotesque Orlando.

Yet the tragedy the Director has to suffer seems artificial, exaggerated and imposed. The brilliant and dynamic organisation of light and sound and movement for the sequences of warfare and gun-

fire, of dancing in the talkies of single figures illuminated in a blaze of light and falling have a true brief significance that the Director himself has seen among his corporeal creations, does not. He is lurid, self-pitying melodrama incarnate.

But this, perhaps, is because Kemp, a legend in his own programme notes chose not to play the role last night. He is to alternate it with Michael Matou who looks like a cadaver and mimes like one as well. His performance is a general grotesque sort of blur, lacking the wealth of definition Kemp will surely bring. The incredible Orlando shines through Kemp's production with its beautiful evocation of a world of black and white simplicities.

### THE PIT

Michael Billington

### The Party

TIME has subtly altered Trevor Griffiths's *The Party* since its first breathtaking appearance at the Old Vic in 1973. Not merely has it shed three characters and its sexual impotence theme while acquiring a slightly hating prologue. It was almost acquired a patina of political nostalgia since it marks back to a time in 1968, when revolutionary change was a matter of urgent debate in the drawing-rooms of SW7 and when people thought you could undermine the social fabric through a potent Wednesday Play.

But although the context has changed, it remains a fine play not least because it contains the most detailed political argument ever articulated on the English stage. Set in the smart home of a left-wing television producer at the time of *les événements*, it consists of three movements. In the first Andrew Ford, a sociology lecturer at LSE, revises Marxist theory and suggests the Third World rather than the urban proletariat will be the source of revolution. Then John Tagg, a hard-line Glaswegian Trot, argues the need to build a disciplined party structure based on the working-class. Finally Malcolm Sloman, an interperately boozey playwright, suggests the only hope of change will come from the virtue of discontent amongst the unorganised, unbought-off workers.

What is fascinating about Griffiths's play is partly the amount of breathing-space he gives the arguments. Like Shaw, he proves that dialectic is dramatic. I also admire the play because it relates public debate to private behaviour. It is particularly good on the mixture of guilt and condescension shown by the trendy producer towards his working-class brother. This RSC production, directed by Howard Davies in collaboration with David Edgar, lacks however the muscular clarity of the NT touring production, mounted by David Hare.

On the credit side, however, Roger Allam lays out the separate stages of Ford's argument so that you absorb and understand every word. Ian McDiarmid also embodies Tagg superbly. In fact, much of the best acting comes from Malcolm Sloman, a roaring, self-destructive figure who in his calmer moments sees that our society thrives on descriptions of inequity. The drunken playwright is the most likeable figure in the play, and the one who I suspect comes closest to Griffiths's viewpoint that no amount of subversive work from television drama-departments is ever finally going to change Britain.

### BATH

David Foot

### Flesh and Blood

EDNA O'Brien has surely arrived as a theatre writer of undeniable quality. Her *Flesh and Blood*, at Bath's Theatre Royal, is above all else well-written. Twice or three times I dared to think of Arthur Miller and there is Chekhovian gloom at the end. But it is also very much

Miss O'Brien, writing about

avice, disloyalty and twisted relationships within the family home. She has an innate sense of stage mechanics, bringing on her cast one after the other early on for the identity parade, as a prelude to the ill-fated anniversary dinner. She is strong on clichés; the first comes after the song snatches, the figs, the spoons, and the party pieces. Suddenly the daughter-in-law, one of several "outsiders" smashes "her glass in greedy hysteria as she yells for the property that must come to her husband."

Here is a playwright who never tells all. So much within the sordid relationships are implied, unspoken. Enter the youngest daughter — well played by Suzanne Berlich — remains rather too much of an enigma, and a weakness of this substantial piece of drama, arguably, is that too much is asked of the audience's imagination.

Our sympathies dart in all directions while we ponder the impotent, the impetuous and the incestuous (Dad and Emmer). Dave Allen is the father who works too little and drinks too much. He is a highly efficient actor in his

own right and this is intended as the highest compliment. He shouts and storms almost excessively but the timing and insights are flawless and when he drops on to his knees at the end, the effect is deeply moving.

This is an Irish play not for once, ostensibly about politics. It is, however, about the division of land and alienation. Human nature comes out of it badly: so does Gwen Watford, with another of those beautifully observed studies of careworn motherhood. *Flesh and Blood* is a play that will last, though the father's raging sexual assault on his wife, completely wild whatever a few departing customers seem to think, needs to be slightly reworked.

Some of these reviews were in late editions yesterday.

Young musicians have been showing their paces at Evian. Edward Greenfield reports

## High tide of water music

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, faded and Edwardian on the south shore of Lake Geneva, France's answer to the Swiss spa of Montreux on the north side, is nowadays famous in supermarkets through out the world as the place where Evian water comes from. Stravinsky in his eighties went there to stay at the crumbling, palatial Royal Hotel, nostalgically trying to recapture the magic of days spent at Evian in 1913 with Diaghilev.

It is still much favoured by the extremely old and the extremely rich. But for ten years now Evian has been seeking to change its image by promoting its own music festival of youth. "Jeunes musiciens sans frontières."

This year the octogenarian, Claudio Arrau—whose ill health has caused him to cancel a number of recent dates—will play Beethoven's fourth Piano concerto as spryly as if he had been taking the waters, egged by a wild, eager and variously disciplined band from Paris, the Orchestre Français des Jeunes.

Best of the youth orchestras was the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, based in London and drawn from a multi-national group of young professionals, most of whom were previously in the European Community for the festival. The highspot of their visit was a performance under Pasco Berglund of Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante K297* with four splendid wind soloists from Britain: Douglas Boyd on the oboe, Richard Hordford clarinet, Robin O'Neill bassoon and Jonathan Williams horn.

Trivial president of the festival this year was Mstislav Rostropovich, a Soviet exile piquantly teamed with young players from Poland, the Polish Chamber Philharmonic, founded in 1978 and here conducted by Zygmunt Rychert.

What the Polish music bosses in Warsaw were thinking of the collaboration with Rostropovich, one can only guess. In Moscow the bureaucrats became belatedly vigilant, the main plank of the Evian Festival, what distinguishes it most strikingly from dozens of other festivals, is the annual International String Quartet Competition which over ten years has established standards unrivalled by any comparable competition in the world.

Among the dozen quartets finally selected to come to Evian for the five days of final judging in three separate stages was the quartet of the Gnessin Institute in Moscow, a group formed only last year, and not to be confused with an earlier quartet of the same name that won the top Evian prize in 1978. Their audition in the first round brought an energetic rather than a subtle account

of the Mozart test piece, the first movement of the Quartet in D, K575, followed by an electrifying one of the latest quartet, No. 3, of the Soviet composer, Alfred Schnittke.

Both the official jury (which included the cellist, Antonio Janigro as president, and all four members of the Talcott Quartet of Prague plus other distinguished quartet players) and the press jury (of which I was one of the 12 members) effectively voted the Gnessin players on to the next round, even though it was already

came second in the list, above half a dozen quartets manifestly more assured and polished. But I need not have worried. The burst of what seemed like nationalist voting was dispersed in the next round, when the eight remaining quartets were weeded out.

Then the three that were eliminated included both the Viotti and the New Vlach, but also fairly enough our own Hansa Quartet. One problem for British entrants is finding the time to rehearse the often rare repertoire (Dutilleul's quartet, Ainslie's, for example, played by seven groups) and these from better-funded countries achieve miracles of precision and finesse.

I was surprised that even on the first round two of the top contenders were Swiss quartets. I had no suspicions of nationalist voting when both the Erato Quartet (with a brilliant young violinist, pupil of Ivan Galamian as leader) and the Sine Nomine Quartet soared through to the final, both giving performances intense as well as polished with keen sense of style.

On the second round both the Swiss groups plus the Petersen Quartet of East Berlin were the top choices of both the official and the press juries. The official jury then added the Chamber Arts Quartet of Canada and the advice of the press jury was taken to add the Nomos Quartet of West Germany as well.

That second round was the exhausting one. Each of the eight quartets played two major works complete, but then after that the programme was far simpler for the five surviving finalists. Five times over we heard all four movements of the Mozart quartet on which we had earlier heard the first movement only, K575 in D.

Top choice for both the official and the press jury in the end was the Sine Nomine Quartet, whose members, all remarkably young, have been together since 1975. The two prizes together totalled 10,500 French francs, but then the official jury went on to award more prizes encouraging the others. The second prize of 35,000 francs was divided between the Erato and Petersen Quartets, while the Nomos Quartet got the 20th-century music award (15,000 francs) for its playing of Shostakovich's Quartet No. 8.

Far more questionable was the awarding of the prize for the best interpretation of French music to the Viotti Quartet, whose Dutilleul was intense but rough and whose Ravel was little short of disgraceful. Finally came two special mentions: the Chamber Arts who reached the final but won no prize and the absent Gnessin Quartet.



Cellist running on backstage for the Chamber Orchestra of Europe

clear they would not win. For reasons unexplained, the Gnessin players disappeared before the day was out, never to return.

That although went with some voting patterns on the first round performances that roused all my psychological suspicions. I was amazed in the press jury how well the Viotti Quartet of Paris was supported in the voting, when its playing was so rough. But then it was the only French quartet at Evian, and our jury included, besides four French members, a Belgian and four French-speaking Swiss.

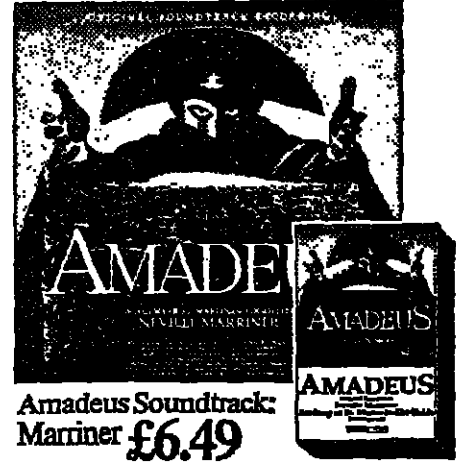
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## Still plenty of room for real progress

After the disastrous backward step represented by the police massacre of mourners at Langa on March 21, South Africa is now taking two undeniably dramatic steps forward, one internal and the other external, by abolishing sexual apartheid and withdrawing its troops from Angola. At the height of the international furore over Langa, President Botha said he was determined to persist with his domestic reform programme, which is expressly intended to ameliorate the lot of blacks in South Africa. The decision to repeal both the Mixed Marriages Act, barring whites from marrying people of other races, and section 16 of the Immorality Act, which bans extra-marital sex between whites and other race groups, is the first major modification of apartheid since blacks were given full trade union rights in 1981. The retreat from Angola is the first positive step in the foreign relations field since last year's spectacular peace offensive by Pretoria in southern Africa lost its momentum and much of its credibility towards the end of 1984. Thus both moves are significant, not least because they were announced on the same day. They are also connected, if only because they appear to amount to concessions to American pressure, at least in part.

Washington's policy of "constructive engagement" in southern Africa under the Reagan administration is intended to cajole, rather than browbeat, Pretoria into internal reform and giving Namibia independence as part of a regional stabilisation programme. But this week's decisions concede much more to reality than they do to foreign opinion and do nothing of themselves to improve conditions for blacks in South Africa or in Namibia, which it continues to occupy in defiance of UN resolutions. The repeal of the odious sexual colourbar is first and foremost a response to internal pressure.

When the "Coloured" (mixed-race) and Indian minorities got their separate chambers in parliament alongside whites in last year's constitutional changes (which excluded the black majority), their leaders

said they would fight apartheid from within the system. Sexual apartheid was their first target and the Group Areas Act, which lays down where racial groups may live, their second. Thus in the short term the credibility of the new system, seriously damaged by the embarrassingly low turnout in last August's election and by the mostly black protest which has gone on ever since, depended on an early concession in this area. Once leading lights in the Dutch Reformed Church, alias Afrikanerdom at prayer, lifted their objections to repeal as they did last year, Mr Botha obviously felt free to go ahead regardless of the prurient and synthetic horror of fundamentalist Afrikaners who will never vote for him again anyway. The problem of where mixed married couples are to live, and to send their children to school, is to be dealt with by specific exemptions from the Group Areas Act, which therefore does not need to be rescinded in toto.

The withdrawal from Angola fulfils, 55 weeks late, Pretoria's promise of last year. Mr Botha's real intentions on Namibia may emerge tomorrow in his expected statement. Meanwhile the retreat looks as inexpensive as the long overdue abolition of sexual apartheid. Such concessions belong in the same category as that of the man who first strips your ladder and then offers you a sandwich. Announcing the repeal, the Minister for Internal Affairs, Mr F. W. de Klerk, said the sex laws were "probably the most contentious on the South African statute book." This may have been true once but is now both out of date and wildly unrealistic. The deafening and shameful silence of nearly all the new "Coloured" and Indian parliamentarians over the recent bloody repression of black dissent, which contrasts so violently with their concern for sexual and residential liberalisation, should not blind us to the real test of Mr Botha's domestic intentions. The impartial application of the rule of law, to as well as by, the state is the sine qua non of genuine reform. Let him repeal the Internal Security Act if he wants to make a real impression.

## Revisiting sins of the father

So far the story belongs to a Cautious Tale in the mould of Hilaire Belloc. Royal partners always must Choose a father they can trust.

Or If a Rebnitz you would wed, Look for Nazis 'neath the bed.

Whether the story will ever outgrow the confines of the mildly surprising but cosmically less than grave as at present uncertain. Not everyone finds it as difficult as we do to synthesise deep concern about the percentage of Princess Michael of Kent and the glaring light thrown on it in yesterday's Daily Mirror. Those accustomed to being quoted on such occasions were ready when the telephone rang. It was a cover-up, said Mr Willie Hamilton. The palace must come clean, said Mr Tony Banks, or a public inquiry would be necessary. The princess would face public protests, said Mr Peter Hain, of the Anti-Nazi League, unless she condemned Nazism. A less familiar name was that of Mr Barry Everingham of Sydney, who is writing a book on the royal family. It was in Sydney, where her mother was a hairdresser, that the then Fraulein Marie-Christine von Reibnitz spent part of her childhood. Her father's membership of the German SS was, said Mr Everingham, common knowledge in the town. For good measure he added: "She has got herself locked into something she will never get out of. I think this will ruin her." Charitable people, the Sydney Everinghams.

If there are elements in the story that so far do not entirely cohere, it first should be asked why they need to cohere to anybody outside the family. For example, Princess Michael was said to be "shocked" to learn that her father had been a member of the Nazi party before Hitler assumed power, and later became the equivalent of a major in the SS. Her tradition was of a flight across the Czechoslovak frontier at the end of the war with her father pushing the family possessions in a handcart. Yet she spent a year with him on his citrus farm in Mozambique and devoted a lot of it to talking family history. Even then the two stories are not inconsistent, since the temporary victors in the Second World War became the ultimately vanquished. Did the baron confess all? Even if he did, who, on uncovering the shameful episodes in a family, releases them in public? And if there was a "cover-up" how should the Queen have acted? To have tried to block a marriage on the grounds of parental unsuitability would (one hopes) have called forth some rather more plausible protests from the protesters of yesterday, though then they would have been speaking in the name of civil liberties.

Too great a burden is being laid on a subsequent generation for the misdeeds, real or alleged, of a former one. The baron was "deNazified" in Bavaria after the war

under the allied regulations in force at the time, and according to Mr St John-Stevens he was judged an innocent person. We can (but shall not) be spared the details of his guilt or innocence. The baron is dead and his crimes, if any, died with him. Nevertheless we can expect more revelations as the 40th anniversary of VE-Day approaches. On Monday the Daily Mirror uncovered a "Nazi" working in the Department of Trade and Industry, but the tension slackened somewhat when his little heyday was pinpointed to the early 1960s and his job found to be well below the level at which vetting begins. In its way, though, the first story was more substantial than the second in that it referred to a living person and the facts were ascertainable. To unravel the hereditary influence of SS-Abschnitt VI on the House of Windsor will be a longer and more messy undertaking.

## Grilling reports were premature

Yesterday's Prime Minister's question time was billed as a grilling. In the event, Mrs Thatcher barely received even a singing, and that was from Mr Francis Pym not from Mr Kinnoch. Perhaps Mrs Thatcher had already inflicted as much damage on herself as there was to be had from her South East Asian swing. Whatever else can be said, the trip has certainly not helped her politically. Yet Labour leaders had gone out of their way last week to rubbish Mrs Thatcher's seven nation journey. Mr Kinnoch, Mr Hattersley, Mr Kaufman and Mr Healey had all put the boot in. Yesterday was to have been the coup de grace. In the event it was a damp squib. And that is all too often the case with these overbilled parliamentary confrontations. All the major protagonists set great store by them. They closet themselves with their top advisers and their bulkiest dossiers for hours before hand, much as Mr Don Revie used to do with his players before a big game. And on the day, again in the manner of Mr Revie, all we get is another nil-nil draw, with precious little by way of instinctive inspiration.

MPs and political journalists attach far more significance to performance at question time than does the public at large. Nevertheless, there are still some important points to be considered in the light of Mrs Thatcher's latest whistle-stop effort. The first is that these trips are primarily de-

signed to impress the voters back home. The name of the game is television coverage, wherever and whenever you can get it. In that sense, therefore, there was nothing out of order in Labour's taking every opportunity last week to mount a party political counter-attack. Where the Opposition went wrong, to the extent that it did, was in making more of the issue than it was worth. A more substantial lesson, however, is that these exotic trips are not the only, or the best, way of conducting international diplomacy. Still less are they the best way for overstressed political leaders to spend the short breaks in the parliamentary term. Mrs Thatcher's vain wish to portray herself as an unstoppable and endlessly effective human dynamo has meant that these trips are multiplying unnecessarily. The stumbles and embarrassments of her Far East trip may therefore have had a salutary effect in causing her to reconsider their value. Certainly there was a note of relief in her voice yesterday when she announced that she will go no further than Chequers at Whitson.

Seen against the background of the developing political situation since the miners' strike, the fuss about the trip is a fairly insignificant holiday distraction. All the political parties are well aware that they are entering a period of political uncertainty which has not existed in this country since before the Falklands war. The polls show an erosion of government support and some mental fatigue in Mrs Thatcher's iron lady posturing. Labour is beginning to convince itself (and even the voters) that a general election victory is attainable. The Alliance is better poised than its detractors believe to score mid-term gains (if only someone would oblige by giving them a by-election). In the short run, all eyes are on the county council elections on May 2. These will provide the first serious electoral test since the miners' strike. The fact that the local seats at stake were last contested in May 1981, when Labour led the national opinion polls by a clear eight points, means that this year's results will enable everyone to claim some sort of comfort from them. But at least this is real no-phoney politics. The local elections will lay the ground for the run-up to the next general election. And they could show that Mrs Thatcher's real enemy within is yesterday's most effective Westminster performer, Mr Pym. What he represents hasn't been seen off yet, not by a long way.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Apartheid under pressure

Sir—As a former South African resident and one who still keeps in close touch with people in that benighted society, I find that your editorial (April 15) makes some useful and valid points while ignoring others.

First, you totally neglect to mention that most black political leaders there have requested sanctions, particularly economic sanctions, against their white-ruled country. Their reasoning is that while their own people could be hurt by these, their rich and predominantly materialistic oppressors will be hurt more.

In addition, their present lot is such that one day they will make very little difference in terms of human suffering; indeed they could make all the difference in the world, acting as agents of non-violent (comparatively speaking) change.

Second, you stated, incorrectly in my view: "Apartheid cannot be demolished without decisive internal pressure, to which all external effort can only be secondary."

In reality, it is when both are applied together, simultaneously, that decisive political change will occur there. The blacks cannot achieve it on their own because they lack the military hardware, and because they can be so easily isolated and killed, living as most of them do, in locations or townships five or ten miles outside the white cities.

The longer the West allows the present iniquitous situation to continue unchecked in South Africa, the more they will devalue their own moral stance against the Soviet Union and its satellites.

Brian Adams,  
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London W12.

### Street wise

Sir—It is a pity that in correcting one daff story about Coronation Street—the Mail on Sunday's report that the series was coming to an end—you should have introduced a rumour of your own (April 15).

Lord Bernstein has never lived abroad, nor has he any plans for doing so. He is still often enough in Manchester these days for it to be unremarkable for him to be seen in the city.—Yours faithfully,  
Sir Denis Forman,  
Chairman,  
Granada Television,  
Manchester.

(Sir—Dennis Barker (Guardian, April 15) is wrong when he says Coronation Street never mentioned such subjects as abortion. In fact the topic arose in an episode over Gail Tilley and the matter was settled before the commercial break, presumably to avoid upsetting countries which bought the serial.—Yours sincerely,  
Griffith Vaughan Williams,  
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London SW6.

## Immigration policies that are a passport to misery

Sir—That British immigration policy is "fair and not racist" as Mr Brittan claims (Guardian, April 13) is a myth; his statement is totally misleading.

Under Government policy, as Mr Brittan well knows, the possession of a British passport does not give the holder immediate and automatic right of entry to the UK, particularly if the holder is non-white.

Before being allowed into Britain, British passport holders of Asian origin (and non-whites) will often have to wait in the infamous special voucher queue for several years before acquiring the right to come to Britain.

The delays caused by this system are creating great hardship for the people involved. Many families are forced to live in appalling

conditions; the children are deprived of schooling; and the parents are driven to depend on charity and assistance from relatives for their livelihood. Although it is the British Government's own policy to impose the delays, no financial assistance is given to the families while they are waiting—sometimes up to eight years.

Even when a voucher is issued this will not be the end of the problems. The voucher is usually granted to the man who must come to Britain, find employment and then be able to guarantee to maintain and provide accommodation for his family before they will be allowed to enter. This applies even where the family have British passports. There is no automatic right for children over 18 to be able to join the family in the UK.

This is just one example of Britain's so-called "fair and not racist" immigration rule. We might conclude that Mr Brittan's claim regarding British immigration law is no different from the Soviet claim that their policy regarding Jewish emigration from Russia is "fair and not racist" or from the South African government's claim that apartheid is "fair and not racist."

—Yours faithfully,  
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General Secretary,  
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Sir—Leon Brittan appears to be using rather dubious statistics these days. In his speech in Manchester he tried to persuade us that there was no problem with immigration control procedure because in 1984, 99.9 per cent of all passengers subject to control were admitted to the UK.

Two points here. First, this neglects all those eligible to enter who are prevented from doing so by procedural delays. Second, is this figure of 99.9 per cent really valid? Passengers include tourists and it is hardly fair to include these in an argument about immigration.

In 1975 the International Passenger Survey included 117,000 in its sample of whom only 2,773 or 2.4 per cent were immigrants by the survey's definition. What percentage of immigrants subject to immigration control were admitted in 1984?

Whilst the human misery of divide families is immense their statistical importance is negligible.

When putting the world to rights is not agreeable

Sir—The way in which the words "human rights" are currently used in the West seems to be of relatively recent usage, certainly post-1945. I never heard the words being used when I was being persecuted as a Jew in Nazi Germany before 1939.

What exactly are human rights? Has there ever been, is there now, or will there ever be agreement between peoples as to which human rights are "basic," or "essential"?

Is the right to life a basic human right, for instance, in countries which practice capital punishment or which wage war against each other?

In that part of the world which is under the influence of Marxist-Leninism, the right to work is considered a basic human right. Even from each according to his ability to each according to his need may be considered to contain a basic human right. None of these would be considered essential human rights in the West.

In the West, however, freedom to write letters to news-

papers and make speeches opposing not only the government of the day but the entire social, economic and political system is considered a basic human right. It is hardly not so considered in the East.

If the right to freedom of movement is a basic human right, why are emigration and/or immigration restricted to some degree or other and in some way or other by most states, East and West?

Does it not therefore appear that the Helsinki Conference was a dialogue of the deaf, and that those who signed the accord had entirely different ideas of what

it meant and what they were agreeing to?

Sir—Geoffrey Howe is right: the accord does have an entirely different meaning in, say, Poland and say, Britain. That is why it is not worth the paper it is written on, and is now a mere incantation, a propaganda weapon in the East-West confrontation.

Surely the agreement between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachev that neither will attempt to change the other's system is the only possible basis for co-existence.—Yours truly,  
E.A. Rose,  
London W5.

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Eric B. G. Allan,  
Bromley, Kent.

Gummer on the Right lines

Sir—Why ever did J. Williams (Letters, April 10) want Conservative Party Chairman John Gummer to cover-up the antics and activities of the Federation of Conservative Students?

The members of the Federation are all adults; they are not youthful students nor exuberant youngsters making the emotional decisions of the young. Indeed, many of them hold important positions, within the party, as advisors and researchers. They have influence, and in some cases are the front for the older men who for years have had their policies shunned.

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### A no-go area that was set up with lifesaving in mind

Sir—I must take issue with the Guardian leader (April 6) in which the laws of trespass were examined. I strongly object to anybody who seeks to draw a similarity between Michael Heseltine's use of trespass laws to hinder CND protest and the League Against Cruel Sports. The former has used the laws of trespass to promote suffering and destruction whereas the latter used these laws to prevent suffering and destruction.

Members of the League Against Cruel Sports freely give their money to buy areas of land in and around the Exmoor area to offer deer a refuge from those who torment and kill them for recreational purposes. The land also protects valuable woodland areas and consequently a wide variety of endangered plants, insects, reptiles, mammals and birds.

There are, of course, other methods that could be used to prevent killer dogs from

entering and damaging these wildlife reserves, but the League prefers to use the instruments of state to uphold its rights, rather than the method used by some landowners who shoot hunt dogs. The laws of trespass were therefore used altruistically, to protect the nation's rapidly dwindling wildlife.

These sanctuaries are not designed to stop stag hunting as the Guardian leader stated. The opening words of the League's counsel, Mr Louis Blom-Cooper QC, adequately set out the League's position. He said: "These proceedings are not brought to stop stag hunting—that is a matter for Parliament and not a matter for this court. The plaintiffs are saying—we don't like your sport and we will not have it practised on our land."

Richard Coarse,  
Executive Director,  
League Against Cruel Sports,  
83-87 Union Street,  
London SE1.

### Gummer on the Right lines

Sir—Why ever did J. Williams (Letters, April 10) want Conservative Party Chairman John Gummer to cover-up the antics and activities of the Federation of Conservative Students?

The members of the Federation are all adults; they are not youthful students nor exuberant youngsters making the emotional decisions of the young. Indeed, many of them hold important positions, within the party, as advisors and researchers. They have influence, and in some cases are the front for the older men who for years have had their policies shunned.

Do not let us ignore the ideas that permeate the FCS. Hard-core pornography on television; permitted sex with and amongst children; accepting the laws that protect racial and ethnic minorities; the return of corporal and capital punishment; the privatisation of just about everything, with the Govern-

ment, instead of losing areas of control, gaining and strengthening them with new centralist policies. These are the policies of the young, they are the designs and aspirations of the sick degenerates; older men who even believe that Gummer is a wet.

For reasons of political expediency John Gummer could have ignored the repellent views and actions of this group. But maybe he feels that the party is sufficiently distanced from a General Election for it to publicly repair the damage.

For all the claptrap preached about the iron, immovable, lady, the harsh reality is that she is becoming, more and more, a pawn of this insidious group, and desperately needs to be extricated from them; and that better person to do it than the chairman of the party.—Yours faithfully,  
Eric B. G. Allan,  
Bromley, Kent.

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though about 30 swallows and a few house martins were skimming the water and about a dozen yellow wagtails were trotting along the water's edge, there still remained on the water a party of 10 goldeneyes and a few wigeons. Cormorants, which we now accept here, were still present, but their numbers have dwindled from around 70 to a mere 16 at this visit. But I suspect that before many years have passed we shall have cormorants as all-the-year-round predators of the trout with which the reservoir is stocked. They are already roosting in trees at one gravel pit site, and I see no reason why as they do in Holland, these birds should not become tree-sitters with fresh water. I hasten to add that this species would be an undesirable addition to our breeding list.

W. D. CAMPBELL











# DIRECTOR GLASGOW ACTION

## MAKE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO GLASGOW'S FUTURE.



Glasgow is undergoing rapid change. Leading members of Glasgow's business community wish to contribute towards this development and to do so by promoting increased private sector investment and activity to realise the economic potential of the City Centre. These efforts will be carried out in close co-operation with the local authorities and public sector agencies. For this purpose, a group of business leaders has formed Glasgow Action with the support of the Scottish Development Agency.

Glasgow Action now wishes to appoint a full-time Director who will identify investment opportunities, and promote programmes which will complement the activities of other bodies involved in the regeneration of Glasgow as a major commercial and business centre.

The Director will fulfil a vital support role for Glasgow Action and will require an

ability to promote the use of both private and public resources for the regeneration of the City Centre. Candidates will therefore be expected to demonstrate leadership skills of a high order with, preferably, commercial and marketing experience.

The successful candidate will be offered a permanent appointment with the Scottish Development Agency and he or she will then be assigned to Glasgow Action. An attractive salary package will be offered.

Please write quoting Post Ref. No. GU/PPD 65 to:

Sir Norman Macfarlane,  
c/o Staff Office,  
120 Bothwell Street,  
Glasgow G2 7JP.

Open to male and female applicants.

All applications should be submitted within 14 days of the appearance of this advertisement.

Brighton's unique Royal Pavilion attracts over 300,000 visitors each year from the UK and overseas. Currently subject to a major restoration programme which will return it to its original splendour as the Prince Regent's Palace it now requires a

## Director of Royal Pavilion

The responsibilities of the post will include curatorial care of the Royal Pavilion and in addition the Art Gallery and Museum, Booth Natural History Museum, Preston Manor and Rottingdean Grange. The department has a developed conservation and curatorial staff among its 130 employees.

We are seeking a graduate who is a capable manager. Membership of the Museums Association is desirable. Salary £18,777-£20,316 plus lump sum car allowance. Generous relocation assistance includes grants of up to £3,750 plus full reimbursement of removal costs, lodging and travel allowances.

Please telephone Brighton (0273) 29801 ext. 667 for details and an application form to be returned to the Personnel Officer, Town Hall, Brighton BN1 1JA by 13th May 1985.

Borough of

**Brighton**

## Research Assistant

### £9,669 - £10,229

Crawley is ideally situated midway between London and Brighton and no part of the town is more than a mile or so from open country. The Borough includes within its boundaries Gatwick Airport. The Council itself is extremely active, particularly in the areas of recreation, housing, nuclear free issues and equal opportunities.

This newly created post will provide direct support to the Chief Executive's Section on policy review and development, research and forward planning, as well as support services for Council Members. Applicants should preferably be graduates with an analytical, innovative and research background. A sound knowledge of, and commitment to, Local Government is essential.

Other attributes will be the ability to work constructively with Chief Officers, multi-disciplinary groups and Council Members, the capability of reacting quickly and accurately to requests for information, and the resourcefulness to develop a high level of support services to Council Members.

- Benefits include:
- ★ 100% removal expenses.
  - ★ Generous resettlement allowances where appropriate.
  - ★ Rented housing accommodation in approved areas.
  - ★ Flexible working hours.

CLOSING DATE: 29th April 1985.

PROPOSED INTERVIEW DATE: 13th May 1985.

For a Job Description and application form, please contact: THE PERSONNEL SECTION, TOWN HALL, CRAWLEY, WEST SUSSEX RH10 1UZ. TELEPHONE: CRAWLEY (0293) 28744 EXT 217 (ANSWERING SERVICE OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS).

**CRAWLEY**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

An equal opportunities employer.

## SINGLE HOMELESS PROJECT

is a large voluntary agency providing accommodation for approximately 250 single people and employing 30 workers across London. A range of small modern hostels and self-contained flats are managed by five area-based teams. Their work is serviced by a central administrative team.

We now wish to appoint a

## STAFF CO-ORDINATOR

as a member of the central team

The organisation has a non-hierarchical structure and the Staff Co-ordinator will be expected to work closely with area teams advising and assisting them on matters of staff support, training and other staffing issues.

Knowledge of housing/hostel work is essential, as is experience of one of the following:

PERSONNEL

TRAINING

STAFF SUPERVISION

The salary is £10,068 including London Weighting on a scale of £9,254-£10,854. The post carries 30 days' leave.

Single Homeless Project is committed to becoming an equal opportunities employer.

For further discussion on the nature of this post phone John Reading, Tel: 01-222 7103.

Details and application form from:

SINGLE HOMELESS PROJECT

16-18 STRUTTON GROUND

LONDON SW1

TEL: 01-222 7103

Closing date: 10th May 1985

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### TEMPORARY

### LANDSCAPE ASSISTANT

For a period of 6 months to assist a team of six landscape architects handling an interesting and varied range of work including the design and implementation of specific landscape projects. Relevant experience will be an advantage.

Preference will be given to applicants who have passed, or are exempt from Part 3 of the examination of the Landscape Institute, Tel: 0325-54411 Ext. 2239 - Peter Veltch for more information.

Salary within Scale 4 / S01 (£5,555 - £10,107) according to qualifications and experience. Casual car user allowance. A Union Membership Agreement is in operation and applies to this post.

Application forms and further details available from the County Planning Officer, County Hall, Durham DH1 1UF, and returnable by 29th April 1985.

**Durham**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

### VACANCIES IN THE THIRD WORLD

IVS sends skilled people for two-year appointments to work for development and self-reliance in the Third World. We are looking for qualified and experienced people to work on a modest living allowance in:

Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique

and Swaziland

Current requirements: construction experience, architects, planners, civil engineers; forestry, agriculturalists, poultry hatchery coordinator, rural development coordinator; private sector staff; instructors; doctors; nurses; accountants; psychologists; medical and lab technicians; accountants; teachers - science, maths, geography, EFL, remedial, primary, and pre-school / infant for health education.

Two year contract including modest living allowance and flights. Return to leading for details. Applicants must be resident in the UK or Ireland.

For further details and short cv and large s.a.s. to Kathy Bourne, International Voluntary Service, 221 St. Regent St., Leicester, LE1 5YL.

## COURSES

SHRIMP UNIVERSITY

MANAGEMENT & VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Course aims: to develop relationships between management and voluntary service.

Course content: management, marketing, finance, law, public relations, human resources, information technology, project management, evaluation, monitoring, and reporting.

Course duration: 12 weeks, 10.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Course fees: £1,000 (includes materials, travel, and accommodation).

Course location: SHRIMP University, 100 St. Regent St., Leicester, LE1 5YL.

Course contact: Kathy Bourne, International Voluntary Service, 221 St. Regent St., Leicester, LE1 5YL.

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# PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

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**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES**  
St Helens is a Borough with a population of 190,000. It has a Designated District status with substantial areas of derelict land and an urban fabric in need of renewal. At the same time it has substantial areas of high quality agricultural land, commuter villages and is a central regional location.  
As a result of a major restructuring of Local Authority departments, the following vacancies are available within the Town Planning Section of the Professional and Technical Services Department.

## AREA TEAM LEADERS (2 POSTS)

Scale PO(40-43) £12,243-£13,326  
These new posts are to be responsible for the day-to-day management and leadership of two of the three Area Teams being established to integrate Local Planning and Development Control. Three Local Plans have been adopted and are being implemented. Work is progressing on two others. Other work in hand includes a GAAHA programme, environmental schemes, economic development projects, derelict land reclamation schemes, conservation areas, a community reclamation scheme. A new application processing system is likely to be developed. These posts are critical to the success of Area Planning. You will report to Assistant Planning Officers for Local Planning and Development Control. The work will include reporting to committees, attendance at working parties and project management.

You will be a qualified Planner, experienced in Local Planning and Development Control work. You are likely to be familiar with the problems of an inner urban area. You must be enthusiastic, determined and have the ability to motivate others.

For an informal discussion, ring Terry Welch, Planning Officer (0744-24061), ext 3143 or Chris Hardy, Assistant Planning Officer, Local Plans (ext 3203).

## SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT (BOROUGH PLANNING)

Scale PO(40-43) £12,243-£13,326

This new post is in the group dealing with a wide range of strategic and policy planning and information systems. Current work includes responses to Structure Plan Alteration proposals, employment analysis, developing a Priority Areas approach to the Council's programmes, developing an environmental strategy, monitoring housing and industrial land availability and reviewing shopping policy.

We are linked via a terminal to the County Joint Planning Information Systems. We have our own systems. Development of our own computer systems is a priority. You will report to an Assistant Planning Officer and be capable of deputising for him, when necessary. You will be an enthusiastic, capable of generating practical ideas, motivating others and working with people of other disciplines. You will be a qualified Planner with a range of relevant experience probably with a Metropolitan Council, and probably including economic analysis. For an informal discussion please ring Dave Standfast, Assistant Planning Officer, on 0744-24061, ext 3223.

For application forms and further particulars, contact Gillian Turner or Debbie Oulton on St Helens 02120/52128 and return completed forms to the Personnel Services Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, St Helens, Merseyside WA10 1HP, by Friday, 10th May, 1985.

As part of the Council's Equal Opportunity policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of disability, marital status, race or sex.

**St Helens**  
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH A Community Authority

## PSYCHIATRIC ASSESSMENT AND SUPERVISION

### SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

£9477 — £11025 (plus £549 special allowance)

To join a multi-disciplinary team led by a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, servicing the Special Assessment and Supervision Unit at the Maudsley Hospital. The Unit supports and rehabilitates amongst others the mentally disordered offenders.

You would also be a member of the Maudsley Community Health Team and be supervised by its Leader, and yourself supervise the other SASS Social Worker (SWs).

You should have QGSW and at least 4 years post qualification experience, half of which must have been exclusively in the field of Mental Health, and ideally be qualified as an Approved Social Worker or prepared to qualify. You should also be capable of applying the full range of intervention, including psychotherapy and group work.

An essential user car allowance is payable, or a leased car is available. A disturbance allowance operates in approved cases.

For further information please contact Mr. R. Bowden, Principal Social Worker, or Mrs. B. Gambler, Senior Social Worker, on Maudsley 29000.

Job description and application form returnable by 3rd May 1985 from Mrs. A. Grimby, Maudsley Area Office, 5 Ashford Road, Maudsley, Kent ME14 5EE (phone Maudsley 695181).

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

## Assistant to the Chief Executive

Grade PO3 £16,758-£17,832 pa plus £1,017 (LW and supplements)

We are looking for an energetic and committed officer to assist the Chief Executive, Michael Birchard, in the management of this challenging inner-city authority. The postholder will have responsibility for a substantial part of the Chief Executive's office including the management of policy planning and review, priority setting, community development, urban regeneration, welfare rights and police liaison, as well as providing general support to the Chief Executive.

Brent has the largest proportion of black ethnic minorities in the country and it is essential that the postholder recognises and gives priority to the importance of race relations and equal opportunities in all areas of his/her work.

The postholder must also show considerable political sensitivity and be able to work with all political groups.

Application forms and job descriptions from the Personnel Division, Room 1, Brent Town Hall Annex, Kings Drive, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 9BB, returnable by 10th May, 1985. Tel 01-905 22171 (24-hour Answerphone service). References to C254 must be quoted.

**London Borough of BRENT** Brent is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Job sharers welcome.

## BUCHANAN STREET RESIDENTS' HOUSING ASSOCIATION

### DIRECTOR (DEVELOPMENT)

£12,100 — £13,034

BSRHA is a small community based housing association about to undergo a major expansion in its development programme. A full-time permanent post of Director is required to implement an agency programme of common repair schemes and the development of a new build site. The Director will also be responsible to the committee for the full range of the association's activities including bringing in-house finance and maintenance functions currently provided by another association.

Only those with previous relevant development experience should consider applying. A commitment to tenant participation and community involvement is essential.

A detailed job description is available from the Secretary, BSRHA, 21 Buchanan St., Leith, Edinburgh EH6 5SD. Tel: 031-551 1588. Closing date for applications 3rd May, 1985.

## SECRETARY WITH INITIATIVE

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S TRUST, W2

You will be responsible for organising the successful work of the post held by the Secretary of the National Children's Trust, W2. The post is a full-time position with a wide range of responsibilities, including the management of the Trust's affairs, the development of its programmes, and the representation of the Trust in the community. The successful candidate will be a person of initiative, with a wide range of experience in the field of child welfare, and a commitment to the Trust's aims and objectives. The salary is £12,000 per annum, plus a pension and other benefits. For further details and an application form, please contact the Secretary, National Children's Trust, W2, 100, Strand, London WC2R 0PH. Tel: 01-922 2174. Closing date: 10th May, 1985.

## DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY NATIONAL CHARITY

(Headquarters in South-East London)

Salary to £14,000 pa + car

The Church Army will shortly wish to recruit a new Director of Social Responsibility and would welcome applications from committed Christians who have the background and experience to continue the Society's work in this field. They would build on the present basis of 10 homes for the elderly, 18 hostels for the homeless and 1 community home and a variety of community projects employing Church Army Officer-Evangelists spread throughout England.

This is a challenging and exciting role as the Church Army seeks to reach out to people with many kinds of needs. The new Director will take charge of the present residential centres and community projects, will ensure the department's efforts dovetail with the overall plans of the Church of England and will channel the Society's work into new and pioneering avenues. To achieve these purposes applicants will need professional Social Work qualifications and a range of management experience, and will be expected to display an ability to work at a senior level within the Church of England, British Council of Churches, Local Authorities and Government. They should also have a vision for the growth of the Society's mission amongst the most socially-deprived and wish to share fully in the Church's aims and objectives of the Church Army.

For informal discussion contact Captain Terry Drummond at Church Army Headquarters (Tel 01-318 1226).

For a full job description and details of the work of the Church Army, please contact Mr C. R. Moppett, Personnel Manager, The Church Army, Independents Road, London SE13 8LG (Tel 01-318 1226).

Closing date for applications: Wednesday, 1st May, 1985. Ref: G020.

**Church Army**  
Christian action for a world in need

## REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

As a new unit is being developed in CHATHAM, KENT, so that nine severely handicapped young people can live in a large house in an ordinary street. The aim is that each child will have positive involvement with their family, and that parents will have considerable influence in the running of the project and in the care of their child.

The project must provide the life sustaining care essential for each child, including nursing care, but must go further to develop each child's full potential, despite all the restrictions that health and disability impose.

If you believe that profound handicap is not all tragedy, and that you can find satisfaction in bringing dignity and positive care to children and their families, then telephone us. A nursing, social work or caring background would be desirable, but it is more important that you have the basic skills needed, a positive outlook towards disabled people, and an ability to respond constructively to the demands this project would make on you.

Some weekend, evening and sleeping-in duties are required. It may be possible to consider some posts on a job share basis. Several night work posts available.

## GROUP LEADER

(Deputy to Project Leader)

£5,532-£11,025 (Subject to career grade assessment)

## GROUP LEADER

(Subject to career grade assessment)

## SENIOR PROJECT WORKER (4 posts)

£5,532-£11,025 (Subject to career grade assessment)

## PROJECT WORKER (6 posts)

£5,532-£11,025 (With assessment at £5,249)

The Church of England Children's Society is a Christian organisation which seeks in staff a readiness to grow in Christian faith and life. We would give priority to workers with experience of Indian families.

For application forms/information sheet, please contact Steve Easton, Project Leader, at 353a Kensington Road, London SE11 4GD, enclosing an a.s.e. Tel: 01-582 1340.

Closing date: 10th May 1985.

**The Children's Society.**

## BARNET HOUSING AID CENTRE (BARNET COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL)

### PART-TIME HOUSING ADVISER

We are looking for a part-time Housing Adviser for a small independent Housing Aid Centre located in North Finchley, which serves the London Borough of Barnet. Applicants should have some or all of the following experience and abilities:

- \* Experience in a Housing Aid Centre, Housing Department or Housing Association;
- \* Knowledge of housing and social security legislation;
- \* Experience of interviewing members of the public;
- \* Administrative ability (typing and office duties are shared);
- \* Ability to speak a language other than English.

The appointment is on terms and conditions similar to NJC agreements and the salary is on AP4/5 scale (points 24-30: £8181 — £9771, pro rata, inclusive of Outer London Weighting Allowance).

For further details and application form, please write to: The Director, Barnet Housing Aid Centre, 1 Friern Park, London N12.

Closing date for applications: Friday 3 May 1985.

## SECRETARY-GENERAL PARIS

International community-health charity seeks Head for small Secretariat with responsibility for some fund-raising. English mother-tongue, fluent French. Age about 40-55. UK equivalent about £20,000.

Write with cv urgently to: Charity Appointments, 146 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4HN.

## SHORTLIFE COMMUNITY HOUSING LIMITED

Re-advertisement

S.C.H. is a charity housing single people in short-life accommodation.

We need a

## HOUSING WORKER

to join two others to allocate property, do repairs work and general housing management. Experience in housing management is essential as is good typing ability. Wage partly in force: £9,500 per annum (under review). We operate a collective working structure.

Job description from: SHORTLIFE COMMUNITY HOUSING LIMITED

102 Cromer Street, London WC1

Telephone: 01-278 9731

## TRUST FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

### ARCHAEOLOGY DRAUGHTSMAN

Experienced archaeological draughtsman required in Lincoln for 12 months. Salary £5,000 - £6,000 p.a.

Applications should be sent to the Administrator, Trust for Lincolnshire Archaeology, The Grange House, Louth Road, Lincoln LN2 1TE (0522 2174).

Further details will be supplied to applicants.

Closing date: 10th May, 1985.

## INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SERVICES

### Research Officer

Industrial Relations Services are looking for an additional research officer to join their small team of specialist research officers, who prepare material for Industrial Relations Review and Report and its associated journals.

The successful candidate will be a graduate able to demonstrate sound knowledge and experience of industrial relations and collective bargaining, including pay and payment structures. He or she will also have the capacity to research and analyse data and experience in writing in an accurate, concise and structured form. The work will involve initiating and preparing articles to fortnightly publication deadlines.

The starting salary will be between £13,094 and £14,548 depending on qualifications and experience. The company offers six weeks' holiday with additional days for service, and an attractive range of fringe benefits.

Applications setting out full details of your career to date and showing how you match our requirements, should reach us by Friday, 10th May and be addressed to:

The Editor, Industrial Relations Review and Report, 67 Maygrove Road, London NW6 2EJ.

## District Emergency Planning Officer

(2-YEAR FIXED-TERM CONTRACT)

Salary £9,477-£10,107

SO1 Grade

This post, based upon the County Emergency Planning Team, has been established especially for the preparation of war contingency plans, the implementation of the Civil Defence Regulations 1983 and the development of existing civil emergency plans for Reading Borough Council.

The Officer will be employed by Berkshire County Council and based at Shire Hall, Reading, for personal training, daily administration and co-ordination. The Officer will report to the Borough Council's Chief Executive responding to his priorities, identifying the Borough Chief Officers the detailed structure of contingency plans training needs and supervise the establishment and working up of an emergency operations centre. Training support will be available from the County Emergency Planning Team.

Applicants should possess tact and an ability to communicate effectively both on paper and orally at all levels with senior officers of local authorities, the emergency services, voluntary organisations, government regional offices and the public.

Emergency planning experience would be an advantage. Some evening and occasional weekend work will be involved including the training of volunteers and in addressing public meetings. Car mileage allowance payable.

Application form from the County Emergency Planning Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Shire Hall, Shirefield Park, Reading. Closing date: 6th May, 1985.

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## Royal County of Berkshire

### INSTRUCTOR

Salary: £8,772 — £10,362 (Scale 5/6)\*

EMPLOYER

Southwark Microtech Limited, an Information Technology Centre, was one of the first centres set up to provide a year's training in information technology for young unemployed people. Backed financially by the Manpower Services Commission, Southwark Microtech has three sponsors, the London Borough of Southwark, Cable & Wireless PLC and Brode House Association.

Now we need an instructor to provide specialist training in software packages, programming and the operation of micro computers.

He/she will be required to motivate, assess and monitor the progress of young people of varying abilities and ethnic backgrounds in the use of information technology. A sympathetic approach to young people is therefore essential. This is a very demanding role, calling for considerable commitment. At the same time, it can be most rewarding for the right candidate. If you think you can handle it, please contact J R Frankland on 01-828 8434 or write to:

Southwark Microtech Limited, 162/194 Union Street, London SE1 6LH

\* (Inclusive of £1,248 London Weighting).

Last date for receipt of completed application forms: 7.5.85.

## WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING (among other things) THE NATIONAL LIVING AND WORKING LOCK MUSEUM

APPRENTICE AND TRAINING FACILITIES

A MAJOR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE BANK

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We are seeking to make our first two appointments

**DIRECTOR £10,964**

An exceptional person is being sought to have overall responsibility for the development and management of this new venture. The post offers exciting possibilities for a person prepared to develop initiatives in a challenging environment.

Further details can be obtained from The Lock Museum Trust, c/o Pool House Community School, Castle Drive, Wiltshire, West Midlands WV13 2DA. Telephone Wiltshire 61221.

Informal telephone enquiries can be made to John Rothley (Wiltshire 61221) or John O'Callaghan (Wiltshire 61221).

LOCK MUSEUM TRUST — a joint body comprising local authorities, employers, unions, community associations and others

## DEPUTY DIRECTOR/CURATOR AP4

Responsible for the development and management of the Living and Working Lock Museum. The person appointed must be able to combine curatorial skills with an understanding of the community.

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Informal telephone enquiries can be made to John Rothley (Wiltshire 61221) or John O'Callaghan (Wiltshire 61221).

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## CAMPAIGN ORGANISER (AGE WELL)

Age Concern England and the Health Education Council are running a campaign for two years to encourage community based health activities for and with elderly people to complement the Health Education Council's programme on health in old age.

Based at Age Concern's offices in Mitham, the Campaign Organiser will co-ordinate and publicise this campaign including a series of eight regional shows. Proper organisational and publicity skills are essential, and a knowledge of health issues and elderly people's interests is desirable.

Salary is £9,000 to £10,500 p.a. inclusive of consultancy pension scheme, four weeks annual leave plus five weeks days.

Further details from: Personal Dept., Age Concern England, 60 Pimlico Road, London, Surrey SW14 3LL. Closing date: Friday 3rd May.

**AGE CONCERN**  
WILTHAM FOREST

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

### RACE RELATIONS IN NEWHAM A CHALLENGE

Newham is a multi-racial borough with well over a quarter of its population from a variety of ethnic minority groups. The Council is developing and providing service and facilities which reflect the needs of these communities. In line with its positive approach to the promotion of equality of opportunity for ethnic minorities, the London Borough of Newham has established a Race Relations Unit within its Chief Executive's Department to co-ordinate race relations work in the Authority.

### Race Relations Officer

Scale 6 £9,189-£9,771 p.a. incl.

The postholder will assist the Race Relations Unit staff in their work on the development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's Race Relations policies, procedures, practices and strategies in its service provision and employment matters. In particular the duties will include the provision of advice and assistance to ethnic minority groups in preparing applications for grant aid, and assistance with collection of statistical data, report drafting, consultation and liaison work, correspondence, etc.

The successful applicant will have a proven track record in race relations work preferably in a local government setting. A high level of tact and diplomacy is essential, together with an ability to relate to people of all ethnic and social backgrounds and an understanding of the forces which underlie racism, prejudice and disadvantage. The capacity to work as an effective member of a team will be considered to be as important as the necessary skills and a commitment to racial equality.

For further information please contact Bhag Jassal, Principal Race Relations Officer on 01-472 1430, ext. 3473/4.

Application forms and further particulars are available from the Chief Executive, Town Hall, East Ham SE20 2RP. Tel: 472 1430, ext. 3065. Please quote reference CE 384.

Closing date: Friday, 3rd May, 1985.

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**NEWHAM**

## PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

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- Generous Relocation Scheme
- 23 days holiday
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## CITY HOUSING DEPARTMENT

### PROJECT ASSISTANT (Temporary)

Salary £9477 — £9795 per annum

Required for a Priority Estates Project in Peterborough until March 1987.

To work in association with voluntary agencies in the Saxton Road area. Duties include assessing and evaluating community needs and developing a range of networks, groups and organisations within the area.

Applicants should have experience of community work and in particular working in close contact with Residents Groups or Associations.

Application forms (return by 24 April 1985), from City Housing Officer, Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough PE1 1HT.

Tel. (0733) 63141 Ext. 532/583

## CIVIL SERVICE BENEVOLENT FUND

### RECRUITMENT & PUBLICITY OFFICER

The Fund assists beneficiaries in financial difficulty and manages residential and convalescent Homes.

We are looking for an imaginative and energetic Manager to be responsible for our Recruitment and Publicity Section following internal promotion.

An ideal opportunity for someone with proven ability to work with senior management and our network of volunteers in promoting the Fund's image and in raising income.

Based in Cheam, the successful applicant will be required to address meetings nationwide. Good health and willingness to travel are essential.

Salary: £9,013 to £11,249 p.a. depending on ability and experience.

Details and application form from: Mr. L. T. Rathjen, JP., FCA, General Secretary, Civil Service Benevolent Fund, Fund House, Anne Boleyn's Walk, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey SM3 8DY. Telephone: 01-642 8511.

Closing date for applications 13th May, 1985.

## University of East Anglia

### Students' Union

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### WELFARE OFFICER

to provide information and advice, a referral service, and to carry out research on welfare matters. Applicants should preferably be graduates with experience in the welfare/rights field.

Salary range £6,459 to £7,461 p.a.

For further details and application form, please send s.a.e. to:

The Administrator, Students' Union, University of East Anglia, Norwich NR4 7TJ

Closing date: 3rd May, 1985.

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## NATIONAL ADVISORY UNIT FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

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### ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Salary S01 £9,477-£



## DECENTRALISATION OF THE DIRECTORATE OF HOUSING AND PROPERTY SERVICES

Lambeth is committed to the decentralisation of its housing services to a neighbourhood basis during the period of the present administration. The first phase of this programme is the decentralisation of the Estate Management Division which is now largely complete and the Directorate is currently in the process of developing proposals for its Housing Benefit and its Housing Advisory Services. To date this process has been overseen by officers of the Directorate who have been seconded to work on the project. However, to ensure that both sufficient resources are available and to ensure continuity, the Director is now seeking to create a team of permanent officers to oversee the Directorate's move to a neighbourhood service. Also, the Directorate is seeking to fill the following posts:

## DECENTRALISATION CO-ORDINATOR (PO6 Ref.: H74)

Salary: £16,290 - £17,313 p.a. inc.  
This officer will report directly to the Director of Housing and will be responsible for the overall co-ordination of the Directorate's decentralisation exercise in conjunction with the appropriate Divisional Head. The successful candidate will oversee the changes from their conceptions through to the development of detailed proposals for the members' approval and the subsequent negotiation and implementation phases.

## FINANCE OFFICER DECENTRALISATION (PO3 Ref.: H76)

Salary: £13,481 - £14,574 p.a. inc.  
The successful candidate will be a qualified Accountant either by examination or by experience. He will be able to demonstrate expertise of working with and developing computer-based financial information and control systems. He will also be required to develop and test the systems necessary to ensure that the proper financial information and control is available to manage a very large decentralised service. In addition, the officer will be responsible for co-ordinating the decentralised finance systems with the overall objective of making each of the neighbourhoods a decentralised cost centre.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DECENTRALISATION (PO1 Ref.: H75)

Salary: £11,964 - £12,810 p.a. inc.  
This officer will be largely responsible for the practical implementation of the decentralisation proposals. The postholder's duties will involve liaising with contractors and other Council Directorates, etc. to ensure that equipment and other services are available according to an agreed timescale. In addition, the postholder will be responsible for the provision of the general administrative support to the team as a whole. All of the above postholders will be required to produce reports and attend Committees and other evening meetings as required, therefore, it is essential that they are able to communicate effectively in both the written and oral form. In addition, the postholders will need to demonstrate a clear understanding of the needs of a highly stressed inner London Borough with a multi-cultural community and ensure that the needs of this community are paramount in the process of decentralising the Directorate's services. Applications are welcomed from candidates who wish to job share any of the above posts.

Within the Housing Directorate the Special Housing Services function has made a particular commitment to maintain and develop the concept of care within the Community in order to meet the increasing needs of groups such as the homeless, the mentally ill, the handicapped and the elderly. The Sheltered Section is responsible for the provision of a supportive service enabling the elderly within the Borough to retain their independence. As part of that service we have a number of residential sheltered housing schemes. However, in recognition of the need to develop this service we are embarking on new initiatives. Specifically, the introduction of the Turnstall Evers 'Piper' system which is a two-way speech module linking the tenant with a central console and a further initiative for providing specialist support for senior citizens living on estates in the Borough as part of that community rather than living in sheltered schemes.

## LAMBETH SERVICES WELL WORTH DEFENDING

If you wish to actively contribute to the implementation and development of these initiatives and are committed to this Council's policies on Equal Opportunity and appreciate the demands for housing within an inner city multi-racial community we have the following vacancy. Applications will be considered for those wishing to job share.

## PRINCIPAL SHELTERED OFFICER (H34A)

Salary: £11,964 - £12,810 p.a. inc.  
This officer has a co-ordinating role to ensure that the Council maintains its varying supportive services to the elderly within the Borough. To achieve this you will have a supervisory and co-ordinating role over the two teams which are responsible for the administrative and managerial control of the sheltered housing service. Specifically you will be actively involved in the implementation and development of the Turnstall Evers 'Piper' System. Applicants must demonstrate their ability to contribute effectively to the management team of SHS, as well as proven administrative managerial and communicative skills. You should also have experience or an in-depth appreciation of the environment in which you would be working. Please note that this is a readvertisement.

Applications are welcomed from candidates who wish to job share this post.

## SENIOR ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (Ref H56)

Salary: £8,772 - £9,510 p.a. inc.  
The Housing Directorate within Lambeth is committed to a programme of bringing its housing services to the community. Within the Directorate the Special Housing Services function has made a particular commitment to maintain and develop the concept of care within the community, in order to meet the increasing needs of groups such as the homeless, the mentally ill, the handicapped and the elderly. As the above officer, you will be responsible to the Section Head for the day-to-day organisation of work priorities and supervision of a team dealing with the interviewing and subsequent admission of homeless and vulnerable into temporary accommodation. This work will primarily involve ensuring that temporary accommodation is provided for the homeless and that appropriate documentation is prepared to enable the Council to collect the prescribed charges. In addition you will compile/colate statistics and/or information carrying out the necessary monitoring exercises. You must be prepared to work in a highly pressurised environment where excellent administrative and communication skills are indispensable. A sympathetic and flexible approach is required to deal effectively with the homeless in sensitive and sometimes stressful situations. It is essential that you are aware of and appreciate the issues relating to homelessness in multi-racial inner-city community. Applications are welcomed from candidates who wish to job share any of the above posts.

## IMPORTANT MANAGEMENT POST IN FINANCE FINANCE OFFICER Budget Administration (Ref H68)

Salary: £14,574 - £15,606  
Lambeth's Housing and Property Services Directorate require a Finance Officer in their Finance Division to head the Budget Administration sub-division responsible for the establishment, management, maintenance and provision of budgetary control information, financial forecasting services, and income and expenditure control systems within the Directorate. The successful applicant will be required to advise senior management on income and expenditure trends, control and likely effects on relevant financial management and administration. You should display extensive management experience in a financial function dealing principally with budgets, incomes and expenditures forecasting and control. In addition you should display an awareness of the demands of working in a large and diverse organisation in an inner city multi-racial environment. You should possess a qualification from a recognised financial accounting body, eg: CIPFA, ACCA, AICCA or relevant degree. Individuals can apply for job sharing. Application forms obtainable from the Personnel Officer, Directorate of Housing & Property Services, Hambrook House, Porden Road, SW2, Tel: 01-274 7722, ext 2053. Closing date 3rd May, 1985.

## SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Team Leader INTERMEDIATE TREATMENT SECTION

Salary Range: £11,682-£12,219 p.a. inc (equivalent to PO(1-4) plus one increment at each point of the range as an interim measure)

- Are you committed to reducing the number of young people sentenced to care and custody?
- Do you have a clear understanding of the Juvenile Criminal Justice System?
- Could you manage a centrally based developmental team of 5 I.T. Workers, an Admin. Assistant and Clerk Typist, established to provide a service of community assessment and placement of young offenders, to operate an effective monitoring system and to work closely with other agencies to achieve a co-ordinated approach to juvenile offenders within the borough?
- Do you have an understanding of the experience of young people in an environment which has all the problems of an inner city area?
- Given that (a) nationally the indications are that a disproportionate number of black young people are in custodial institutions and (b) Newham is a multi-racial borough in the Eastern End of London with a high and increasing population of young people from minority ethnic backgrounds. Are you prepared to critically examine what is happening within the local juvenile justice system with a view to challenging racism therein?

If your answers to the above questions are positive, then apply for the post of TEAM LEADER - I.T. SECTION. Applicants should have a professional qualification, although those with managerial and considerable practice experience will be considered. Applications are welcomed from persons irrespective of race, disability, marital status or sex. Informal inquiries are welcomed by Colleen Drage, on 01 534 4545 Ext. 5037.

### Senior Community Psychologist (ELDERLY AND MENTAL HEALTH)

Salary Range: £10,134-£11,682 p.a. inc. (bar at £10,764 p.a. inc.)

A vacancy has arisen in a team of six psychologists employed by the London Borough of Newham, Social Services Department. The team provides services to a wide range of client groups in a variety of settings, including day care and residential establishments, working in conjunction with a specialist social worker team and community psychiatric nurses. There are good links with local psychiatric facilities. The psychologist may be 'clinical', 'counselling' or other. However, we are looking for someone with skills in the areas of work with elderly (not only psychogeriatric) people and with the adult mentally ill. Whilst any coherent therapeutic orientation - psychodynamic, humanistic or behavioural - is acceptable, skills must include assessment and behavioural management. Promoting change and development in day and residential care regimes is an important aspect of the job. The successful applicant will need to be flexible, as some evening work will be required and preferably hold a driving licence. He or she will be able to work as part of a team as well as independently and have a strong commitment to the improvement of services. Informal visits welcome. Please contact Mike Bender or Alison Cooper, on 01-534 5337, or 01-534 4545 Ext. 5023. Application forms available from the Director of Social Services, 95 The Grove, Stratford, London E15 1HR, or telephone (01) 519 2985 (24 hour answering service). Closing date: 3rd May 1985.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

## SAMUEL LEWIS HOUSING TRUST

### AREA CO-ORDINATOR

Tower Hamlets

£14,000 p.a. + car

This is a new senior post created to develop the Trust's presence in Tower Hamlets as a significant resource in area and estate renewal projects to meet urgent housing needs in the Borough. The Area Co-ordinator will be responsible for initiating and developing a development programme, at present worth over £5m which includes the redevelopment of 248 flats in Fieldgate Mansions. The successful candidate will have sound housing experience with a strong development bias; the ability to work with statutory authorities at a high level; experience of maintaining effective financial controls and the qualities to lead and develop a locally based team of seven or so staff. The office will provide development and agency services, as well as managing and maintaining the Trust's growing stock of dwellings in a neglected and racially sensitive area of Inner London containing some of the worst housing conditions in the country.

The post will be based at the Tower Hamlets area office in Fieldgate Street, E1.

The Trust has a non-contributory pension and life assurance scheme, gives 22 days holiday and L.V.s. For further details, job description and application form: Gillian Walton, Personnel Manager, Samuel Lewis Housing Trust, Knights Court, 6-8 St. James Square, London EC1M 4DE Tel: 01-251 6951 Closing date 1st May 1985.

### Training Officer

Grade SO2 £10,404 - £11,025 p.a. plus £1,017 (L.W. and Supplements)

This is a newly created post within the Education Service. The postholder will be responsible for the identification of training needs for all sections of the non-teaching staff, both officers and manual grades, and in the development and organisation of an effective training programme.

Candidates should have the ability to liaise with managers and training personnel within and outside the Council's Service, and to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of training and of the overall programme. The successful candidate will have some experience of training, as well as of planning and organising courses in a comparable environment. We are looking for someone with good communication skills, energy and enthusiasm and a keen interest in matching the aspirations of individuals to the needs of the service.

A commitment to and a thorough grasp of the part that staff training can play in promoting the Council's Equal Opportunity policies is essential. Application forms and job descriptions from the Personnel Division, Room 1, Brent Town Hall Annex, Kings Drive, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 8ER returnable by 10th May 1985. Written applications to: Sarah Berry, Chairperson, Equal Opportunities Centre, 6 Seymour St. Leicester LE2 0LS. Closing date for applications 28th April.

London Borough of BRENT

Brent is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Job sharers welcome.

## BOOTSTRAP ENTERPRISES

### OFFICE CO-ORDINATOR

Bootstrap Enterprises is looking for a person with administrative ability and office management experience to fill the new post of Office Co-ordinator.

The successful applicant will join a small team, helping unemployed people to set up new worker co-operatives in Dalston, Hackney, and will have particular responsibility for the administration of the project.

We are seeking a person with initiative, abilities in organisation, communication, and with skills in typing, book-keeping, and office procedures. Word processing and/or micro computer experience would be an advantage.

Salary: £10,725 per annum. Application forms and job descriptions available from: Helen Evans, Bootstrap Enterprises, 18 Ashwin Street, London E8 3DL. Telephone: 01-254 0775. Closing date for application: Wednesday, 1st May.

## SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Houseparent

Salary Grade 4, £7,524-£8,352 (30,000-33,000 if qualified) Required at Burford Assessment Centre, Clarendon Road, Whalley Range, Manchester M16 6LD. Applications are invited from qualified and/or experienced Child Care workers who are able to demonstrate a good understanding of the needs of children in care. Previous experience of assessment work is desirable though not essential. Burford is an assessment centre for up to 36 adolescent girls who also provides accommodation for four teenage mothers and their babies. For further information and discussion please ring Miss E. M. Knight, Officer-in-Charge, on 061-881 9259.

### Deputy Officer-in-Charge (Temporary)

Salary Grade 6 plus one increment for additional responsibilities, to £12,795-£13,716 + £1,023 per night 'sleeping in' allowance on a rota basis. HAWTHORNDEN AGED PERSONS' HOME, 201 Palestine Road, West Hales, Manchester M20 2AF. For further information and discussion please ring Miss E. M. Knight, Officer-in-Charge, on 061-881 9221 for an informal discussion.

### Community Development Officer Longsight and South Gorton

Salary Scale 6, £9,532-£11,114 (under review) A neighbourhood Community Development Worker is required for the Longsight and South Gorton area of inner City Manchester. The worker will support some existing commitment in the area but will primarily be developing new work in the South Gorton area, in response to local needs. Library areas of work will include support for newly formed Tenants' Associations and community groups, play, and liaison with the City Council's newly formed Neighbourhood Services Unit. The worker will be part of the Social Services Department's Central District Community Development Team. We are looking for an experienced, relevant community work experience. Formal qualifications are not essential but a proven ability to work on a variety of community issues with local people and other agencies is essential. Application forms for all the above posts from: The Personnel Section, Social Services Dept, PO Box 528, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2AF, Tel: 061-224 2957/2958. Closing date: 3rd May, 1985.

### Librarian Team Leader (North Area)

£7,524-£8,114 (plus 74% Irregular Hours Payment) A Graduate Chartered Librarian is required to lead a multi-disciplinary team providing relevant services to the local community in North Manchester. Applicants should have had experience in a wide field of librarianship and be able to demonstrate team leadership skills. Conditions of service include a 35-hour week and 24 days' holiday. Removal and associated expenses payable up to a maximum of £1,000 in appropriate cases. The City Council operates a Union Membership Agreement under which a new employee is required to become a member of a recognised Trade Union. Application forms and further details from the Personnel Office, Central Library, 55 Peter's Square, Manchester M2 6PS. Tel: 061-224 3422 ext 282 (office hours only). Closing date: 8th May, 1985.

### Deputy Group Leader (Accountancy Section)

SCA/SO1, £12,532-£14,107 A suitably qualified and experienced person is required to act as Deputy Group Leader of the five-person group which deals with the budget, financial accounts and records (both completed and manual) relating to the various activities of the Council's policy and Resources Committee. This post has particular responsibility for the Computer, Housing Benefits and Finance Sub-Committees and the Council's cash control accounts requiring a sound knowledge of accountancy principles (including the preparation of accounts through to balance sheet stage) and the ability to work accurately under pressure to a given timetable. A five-day, 36-hour week with flexible working hours system is in operation and there are good holidays and annual leave provisions. Application forms and job descriptions from the Staff Officer, City Treasurer's Department, PO Box 514, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2AF, Tel: 061-224 3417. Closing date: 3rd May, 1985. The City Council operates a Union Membership Agreement under which a new employee is required to become a member of a recognised Union.

## MANCHESTER City Council

Manchester City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic or national origin, disability, age, sexuality, or responsibility for dependants.

## HABINTEG

### REGIONAL HOUSING MANAGER

We are still looking for the right person to manage our southern region. Habinteg is a national housing association which provides integrated housing for disabled people in general family housing schemes. There are 655 dwellings in management and 408 in the pipeline. The person appointed will be a member of the Association's Management Group, lead a team of 10 staff most of whom are locally based; and have direct management responsibility for some schemes. This must be a person who has potential for staff management, demonstrate an interest in the needs of disabled people and enjoy day-to-day housing management. The post might suit someone who has worked as a Housing Officer with a large authority or authority, and who is ready to broaden their responsibilities. Starting salary £11,652 (including London Weighting), pension and life assurance scheme with generous car allowance. Closing date: 30th April, 1985. This is a re-advertisement and previous applicants need not re-apply. For further information please contact Jo Braine or Debbie Ounsted, Habinteg Housing Association, 10 Nottingham Place, London W1M 3SS. Tel: 01-435 6221 or 01-435 3004.

## STATES OF GUERNSEY ISLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT

SALARY SCALE £10,794-£11,481 (1985 salary award pending)

An experienced Planner is required to carry out a wide range of development control duties including applications on Listed Buildings. The job could be of particular interest to persons used to dealing with applications in conservation areas. Applicants should preferably hold an appropriate planning qualification and have had considerable experience in architectural matters and/or general environmental design.

The post is at second tier level and the applicant will be expected to deputise for the Planning Officer in his absence in matters of development control.

Further details of the post and an application form may be obtained from the Establishment Officer, Civil Services Board, Nelson Place, Smith Smith Street, St Peter Port, Guernsey. (Tel: 0481 25111).

The closing date for applications is 22nd May 1985.

## INTERIGHTS

(The International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights) wishes to appoint an

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INTERIGHTS is a new international organisation, and an equal opportunities employer, based in London. Its main purpose is to promote the effective enforcement of international human rights law by providing legal advice, information, and other assistance to individuals, lawyers and non-governmental organisations. Applications are invited from persons with experience in legal practice and administration. Further details may be obtained from: Jeremy McBride, 101 West, Church Road, Birmingham B15 2ET (Tel: 021-472 1301 Ext. 2100). The closing date for applications is 2nd May 1985. INTERIGHTS is a non-profit organization funded by Ford Foundation and the G.L.C.

## Housing Department

Because of an increasing case load of approximately 14,000 which includes both certificated and standard cases, we are expanding the team which deals with claimants in the private sector.

### District Housing Officer (Ref: HSG 3)

This is the most important position taking total charge of the team. As well as having a good man-management and local government background you must be able to show experience and a firm understanding of housing benefits. This should be complemented by a substantial knowledge of the various housing regulations as well as experience of computerised systems and their implications. Salary scale £14,574-£15,606. 30 days holiday plus one day off every four weeks.

### Visiting Officers (Ref: HSG 4)

At Westminster we would like to visit more of our claimants to verify the information provided by them. We need two people, who have the relevant knowledge of the housing benefit regulations, to carry out this most important job. You will be visiting various clients, some evening calls will be required, throughout the borough and will be working very closely with a number of Team Leaders involved with the case loads. You'll need to be diplomatic when dealing with your clients and should keep precise records of visits. Salary scale £8,772-£9,510. 24 days holiday plus one day off every four weeks.

### Team Support Officers (Ref: HSG 5)

We are looking for capable people to become involved in handling many of the direct enquiries from new and present cases. You'll be answering telephone and written enquiries and generally providing the administrative support for the team. There is a good opportunity of moving up within the team and so establishing a career in Local Government. Salary scale £8,772-£9,510. 24 days holiday plus one day off every four weeks.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The employment unit at NCVO is looking for an administrative assistant. The project is funded initially for approximately two years. The administrative assistant will provide administrative support to the unit with special responsibility to two members of the team working on employment and economic issues.

The successful applicant should offer relevant experience/qualifications and be competent in typing and administrative procedures. Knowledge of new technology systems is desirable. Experience of working within the voluntary sector would be an advantage.

The unit would welcome applications from all sections of society irrespective of an individual's gender, ethnic origins, colour or sexual orientation. Applications from disabled people are welcome, although wheelchair access is poor. Job sharing will be considered.

Salary scale: £4,728 - £8,492 (under review) + £1,300 London Weighting p.a. For further details and application forms phone 01-636 4066. Ext. 115. (WC1 area). Closing date for completed applications, 30th April, 1985. NCVO is an equal opportunities employer.

The salary will be within the range £7,170-£7,568. 23 days holiday plus one day off every four weeks. All above posts based in Soho.

For further details of the District Housing Officer post, phone Helen Maynard on 01-628 8070 ext. 2677. For details of all other posts above, phone George Brady on 01-628 8070 ext. 2605.

### Housing Benefits Officer (Policy) (Ref: HSG 6)

We also require for Head Office someone who has the ability to understand and interpret all the legislation concerning Housing Benefits, covering both the private and public sectors. Reporting directly to the Principal Officer (Finance) you will need to determine policies and monitor the activity of the Housing Benefits Staff ensuring procedures are complied with. This will involve regular meetings with the staff and conducting training courses when necessary. As the private sector is computerised you will need to have worked with computerised systems and have a good understanding of their applications. You'll also be expected to attend the Housing Benefit Review Board.

You'll obviously need an up to date knowledge of current legislation and regulations of the Housing Benefit scheme. Based in Victoria, we'll give you a salary of between £11,964-£12,810. 26 days holiday plus one day off every four weeks.

Interest free annual season ticket available for all posts. To obtain application form and job description please send postcard, telephone or call at the Personnel Management Division (quoting appropriate reference number), P.O. Box 240, WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL, City Hall, Victoria Street, SW1E 6GP, telephone number 01-634 5959 (24 hour answering service). Closing date: 1st May, 1985.

## MAINTENANCE CO-ORDINATOR

£9,000-£10,000 p.a.

A major housing association managing 3,500 tenancies in North-East London requires an additional member of staff for its maintenance department. The association believes that maintenance is the most important of our tenancy services and we have put considerable efforts into creating one of the best maintenance departments in the country.

The department comprising three administrative and four technical staff deals with 1,000 repair requests a month and spends nearly £1½ millions a year. The Maintenance Co-ordinator will take responsibility for the department's planning and scheduling. Amongst other things they will be responsible for organising the forthcoming 'Right to Repair' and our optical maintenance programme.

We are looking for someone with administrative experience, the capacity to organise others' work and an appreciation of tenants' needs. The ability to type would be an advantage. Closing date: 3rd May, 1985.

Application form and job description from: Jane Hemmley, Secretary to the Association, Newington & Haggerston Housing Association, 125 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2PB. Tel: 01-254 1272. We are an Equal Opportunities Employer.

## THIRD WORLD POPULATION PROJECTS

### DESK OFFICER

POPULATION SERVICES (the charity which runs the Marie Stopes clinics in Britain) requires an administrator to monitor ongoing overseas population projects, prepare reports for funding sources as well as assist with fund raising.

Applicants should ideally have experience of working in Third World countries, be well organised and enjoy working independently. Must have good written English in addition to administrative and typing ability. Overseas travel a possibility. You will be based at our London office - hours initially Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 to 5 p.m. possibly extending to full-time. Salary £4,800. Write with full c.v. to: Projects Division, POPULATION SERVICES, 106 Whitfield Street London W1.

## HIGHFIELDS & BELGRAVE LAW CENTRE, LEICESTER

### SOLICITOR

to join a team of the leading law firm in the city of Leicester. Experience / interest in this area. Experience / interest in this area. Experience / interest in this area. Prepared to work collectively. For further details contact Lyn Hudson on 0533 59228. Written applications to: Sarah Berry, Chairperson, Equal Opportunities Centre, 6 Seymour St. Leicester LE2 0LS. Closing date for applications 28th April.

## To Advertise in Public Appointments

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# PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

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## DIRECTORATE OF HOUSING SERVICES Principal Rehousing Officer

£11,259 — £12,243

This post is second-in-charge in a busy and changing Lettings Section of an inner London Borough. The Section is undergoing major changes involving a workload and staffing reorganisation, computerisation, and the implementation of radically new rehousing policies. In the future, it is planned to decentralise.

The person appointed will be responsible for the management of five area rehousing teams and one central team whose functions include the allocation of vacant property, operation of the London Area Mobility Scheme and nominations to housing associations. The postholder will also be expected to participate in Policy and Procedure reviews.

We are looking for someone who is experienced and committed to the provision of an open and effective service.

For further information telephone Mr. J. McKinnon on 854 8888, Ext. 3740.

## Senior Estate Officer

£10,134 — £10,764

To cover vacant posts in the absence of the Estate Officer (due to sickness or leave) to give continuity of service and maintain the link between the Council and the tenant in higher absence. Provide general guidance on less complex matters to the Estate Officer. Serve notices of Seeking Possession and stand court as and when required. Assist Estate Officers on more complex interviews.

To act as supervisor in the long-term absence of the Assistant Area Housing Manager, but at all times to assist in advising Estate Officer, so as to free the Assistant Area Housing Manager to take on training, disciplinary procedures, monitoring of management and arrears.

## Estate Officer

£9,189 — £9,771

This post offers a unique opportunity for career development in the Housing Service, based on sound training in Housing Management.

Estate Officers are front line Officers offering tenants a multiplicity of services and are key members of the Estate Management team.

Applicants should have at least 2½ years relevant experience to enable them to undertake, within the confines of general policy, the day-to-day management of approximately 800 dwellings.

They should be prepared to make evening calls as part of their essential duties.

Applicants from Director of Housing Services, London Borough of Greenwich, Peggy Middleton House, 29 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich, London, SE18 6HQ. Tel: 01-854 8888, Ext. 3761.

## DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

### Residential Child Care Officers

£5,922 — £7,065 — Unqualified.

£7,065 — £7,746 — Qualified.

An opportunity with a future.

Front Court (situated in Frant, near Tunbridge Wells), provides care, treatment and education for up to 30 very troubled and often troublesome young girls (usually aged 14+) from the whole of London. Following a staffing increase we are looking for people who possess the maturity, sensitivity and stamina for this satisfying but very demanding work.

These posts are particularly suitable for people who are considering a career in Residential Social Work (usually age 22 or over), and who are able to learn from experience and our in-house CAREER GRADE TRAINING SCHEME.

Applications from Director of Social Services, London Borough of Greenwich, Peggy Middleton House, 29 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich, London, SE18 6HQ. Tel: 01-854 8888, Ext. 3673.

Closing date: 3rd May, 1985.

THE COUNCIL POSITIVELY WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN, ETHNIC MINORITIES AND DISABLED PEOPLE.

**GREENWICH**  
People and Services First

## PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

£11,652 — £12,275

(Including London Weighting)

The Building works for a new housing project in the centre of Frant have now commenced, which is due to open early in 1986. The project will offer accommodation and support to people who have experienced emotional and psychological distress and will be managed by a new voluntary organisation.

The steering group is now seeking to appoint a co-ordinator for the project whose main responsibilities will be:

- to assist in the preparation and execution of the operational policy
- to promote the work of the project within the community
- to liaise with the architect, funding authorities and the statutory and voluntary sector
- to assist the steering group in the appointment of staff
- to manage the project when it opens.

We are looking for someone with experience in mental health. Previous experience in the management of a residential or day care project would be an advantage but other related experience will be considered such as in housing, community work or the voluntary sector.

Applicants should have an appreciation of the needs of ethnic minority groups, particularly in relation to mental health.

Applications from The Special Projects Section, London & Quadrant Housing Trust, Cabot House, Cabot Terrace, London SE8 6BN. Tel: 01-854 9181, Ext. 274.

For an informal discussion about the job, please ring Frances Greenall Tel: 01-720 8220 Ext. 254 or Ian Wilson Tel: 01-767 1381.

Closing date for applications is 30th May. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex, ethnic origin or physical disability.

## RECREATIONAL DRUG USE RESEARCH GROUP 3 RESEARCH WORKERS

required for new London project. Staff team to cover the following range of skills: survey techniques, statistics, participant observation, report writing, computer skills. All applicants must have ability to work with drug users.

Salary scale NUC point 31 £10,725 p.a.

Also

## PART-TIME RESEARCH ADMINISTRATOR

25 hours p.w.  
NUC point 24 £5,286 p.a.

Funded by the GLC until March 1987 and subject to the Council's Equal Opportunity Employers Policy. Write for application form and job description to 347a Upper Street, London N1 0PD.

Closing date for completed application forms 29th April 1985.

## NOTTING HILL HOUSING TRUST HOUSING ASSISTANT

To join busy area housing management team working in North Hammersmith W12. All aspects of housing management are involved and relevant housing experience, together with a practical and sympathetic approach, is essential. Applicants must be car owners/drivers.

Salary on scale £7,845 — £8,804.

For further details and application form contact:

Jenny White,  
Notting Hill Housing Trust,  
26 Paddenswick Road, London W6 0UB.  
Tel: 01-741 1570.

## MANAGER

Domington Centre for Community Programmes, Southall

£12,548-£13,638 pa

The Domington Centre, currently under construction in Southall in the London Borough of Ealing, is scheduled for opening early in 1986. The Centre is designed to provide a wide range of community facilities to meet the social, recreational, educational and youth-oriented needs of the Southall Community with its substantial ethnic minority population.

A Management Committee, comprising local Authority and Community representatives, will be responsible for the general control of the organisation and conduct of the Centre.

We are seeking a Manager of considerable imagination, enthusiasm and organisational skills to develop community activities and to manage the day-to-day running of the Centre.

Applicants for this challenging post on the staff of the Chief Education Officer will be expected to have significant professional experience of working in a multi-cultural environment including management/supervisory experience within a Community Centre, community project or similar work and the possession of a degree and/or relevant professional qualification would be an advantage.

Please quote reference ED442.

Closing date: 3rd May, 1985.

## BASIC EDUCATION LITERACY AND NUMERACY TUTOR

£5,948-£11,550 pa

Required to teach Adult Literacy and Numeracy in the Regional Secure Unit of Ealing Hospital, St Bernard's Psychiatric Wing. Applicants should be qualified teachers with experience of basic education work with adults.

Experience with the mentally ill or mentally handicapped an advantage.

Please quote reference ED442.

Closing date: 3rd May, 1985.

Application forms obtainable from the Personnel Office, Room A204, Town Hall Avenue, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BT, Tel: 01-846 1985 (4 lines).

All salaries are inclusive of London Weighting allowance. All posts are open to male and female applicants unless otherwise stated. Special consideration will be given to disabled persons whose qualifications and/or experience are relevant to the post for which they apply.

**Ealing**  
London Borough

## BRENT

### SOCIAL SERVICES

**EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTRE**  
for people with disabilities  
(North Wembley)

Our job placement service assists over 100 people each year to obtain and retain open employment with the emphasis on assessment and work experience placements on employer's premises prior to a permanent job search for each individual.

## Assistant Manager

Scale 6 — Ref K967

Salary: £8,532 to £9,114 + £1017

London Weighting & Supplements

We require an able administrator with managerial experience to co-ordinate the work of 4 work placement officers and 2 work skills officers and to operate the admissions procedures. As well as a knowledge of the special needs of people with disabilities, candidates must demonstrate an enthusiasm to work as part of a team committed to the development of a truly successful system.

## Work Skills Officer

Scale 5 (2 posts) — Ref K1111

Salary: £7,524 to £8,262 + £1017

London Weighting & Supplements

People are encouraged to the centre at the rate of two each week where they spend a short induction period prior to their first placement with an employer and undertake periods of work skills training between further placements.

We require two enthusiastic people, working as part of a team to manage and develop the induction and work skills modules. Candidates, probably with teaching or careers experience, must demonstrate a knowledge of the special needs of people with disabilities and a commitment to the development of a truly successful system.

For further information and an informal visit, contact Ray Palmer, 01-808 4457157.

Application forms and job descriptions from the Personnel Division, Room 1, Brent Town Hall, Avenue, Kings Drive, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 8BC. Informal visit: Tel: 01-808 4457157 (24 hour Answering Service). Reference numbers must be quoted.

**Brent**  
London Borough of

## NEWBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEGAL SERVICES)

PO45-48 (£14,013-£15,042) + overtime payments

For this important new post as head of the legal section, reporting direct to the Director of Legal and Administrative Services, we need a competent Solicitor with substantial post-admission experience and proven managerial ability. The postholder must be prepared to work hard, unsupervised, to undertake high level advocacy and to represent the Director at committee meetings.

For an informal discussion, telephone Mike Harris, Director of Legal and Administrative Services, on Newbury (0635) 42400, ext 2116.

Job description and application forms from: Personnel & Management Services Office, Council Office, Market Street, Newbury RG14 5LD, Tel Newbury (0635) 42400, ext 2111.

Closing date: 13th May, 1985.

## READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION

requires a

### UNION MANAGER

Who will work with and liaise between the Executive and Staff of the Students' Union.

Higher expertise will be used to ensure the efficient management and operation of the Union and to research and suggest changes and developments in relation to R.U.S.U.

There are 24 full-time and part-time staff employed in shops, bars, catering, travel, welfare, administration, accounts and portering cleaning.

5 Heads of Departments and 5 other members of staff report directly to the Union Manager.

Annual turnover is in excess of £1.5 millions and the building is in constant use 18 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Applicants should have extensive managerial experience in a students' union environment or proven experience in the management of a multi-functional organisation similar to that described above.

Salary will be dependent on academic and professional qualifications and experience, but would not be less than £15,000 p.a.

For a detailed job description and application form telephone: JENNY O'LEARY on Reading (0734) 86222, ext. 265.

Closing date for completed application form: Tuesday, 7th May, 1985.

## KINGS CROSS CENTRE CAMPAIGN

### DEVELOPMENT WORKER/ORGANISER

SALARY: £10,382

We require a Development Worker/Organiser to take responsibility for setting up of a new Kings Cross Health and Community Centre for local people. Previous experience in community work and developing/organising public activities is essential. This post offers a unique challenge and the successful candidate will have the opportunity to play a major part in the future of the centre which is essential to the health of the community.

For a detailed job description and application form telephone: JENNY O'LEARY on Reading (0734) 86222, ext. 265.

Closing date for completed application form: Tuesday, 7th May, 1985.



BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

## PRINCIPAL OFFICER

Administration

£14,682/£15,726

The successful applicant will be a qualified, professional administrator. We are looking for someone who offers sound organisational and management skills, but who also has drive, flair and imagination. Specific responsibilities include finance, personnel and administrative support services. The postholder will be a member of the Social Services Department's Management Group.

Closing date: 1st May.

## SOCIAL WORKER

Intermediate Treatment Group

£8,532/£10,107

Applications are invited from suitably qualified (CQSW) and experienced people for the above post at the Home Road Intermediate Centre, to complete a staff group of two Level 3 Social Workers and one Teacher.

Bolton is developing its policy of LT work and within this framework runs a small 17 Day Centre for young people primarily concerned with providing alternatives to custody. At present this Centre runs a flexible programme of outside activities, discussions, social skills training and education. Some individual work is also included. We need a Worker who will actively influence the development of this Centre. He/she must be able to work closely within a small team.

For informal discussion contact Tony Scott on Bolton 389652.

Closing date: 1st May.

## STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

£9,477/£11,562

Applications are invited from suitably experienced Chartered Structural Engineers for the above post at the Home Road Intermediate Centre. The person appointed will, together with an Assistant Structural Engineer, be responsible to the Chief Building Surveyor for that part of the Authority's Building Control function relating to structural matters including examination of Building Regulation submissions and other structural matters. The successful candidate will be responsible for the preparation of reports and drawings in connection with other staff, undertaking site investigations, together with geophysical and other reports to evaluate and advise on the suitability of land necessary to facilitate its development. If you wish further information about this post telephone the Chief Building Surveyor, Mr R. C. Waters on Bolton 22311, ext. 273.

Closing date: 29th April.

Application forms and further details are available from the Personnel Office, Town Hall, Bolton BL1 1YH (Tel: 22311, exts 557 & 6108). Trade Union Membership is a condition of service.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

## Teacher/Social Worker

Salary Burnham Scale 3 £8,412-£11,709

or SW3 £9,771-£13,373 p.a. inc.

This newly created post for a person qualified or experienced in both Social Work and Teaching is an opportunity for a person with enthusiasm, insight and commitment to join an interdisciplinary project involving two linked schools (High School 11-13 and Senior High School 13-16), Social Services and Youth and Community Services.

The post will involve co-ordination of work with other agencies as well as direct work with pupils who are disaffected and with their families.

The person appointed should welcome the opportunity to work in a school/social work environment.

Please quote ref: P6710.

Application forms and further details from Director of Social Services, Leyton Town Hall, High Road, London, E10.

Closing date: 8th May, 1985.

**Waltham Forest**  
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Applicants are considered for their ability to perform the duties of the post, not on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, marital status or physical disability.

## CIRCLE TRUST LTD

The Camberwell branch provides a club and supportive housing for single people with a background of homelessness or institutional living. Currently there are 26 units in management. This number will more than double over the next two years, and will include shared housing, a small hotel and self-contained flats. The staff team is planned to grow in line with the completion of the housing development programme by partner Housing Associations.

## CO-ORDINATOR

This new management post has been created by the branch committee to promote an integrated approach to a workload that is growing in scope and complexity. Salary on scale £11,964-£12,276.

## CLUB/HOUSING WORKER

The major emphasis of this post will be upon housing management and resettlement. Work based at the club will also be required. Some housing development experience would be useful. Salary on scale £2,772-£10,362.

For further details, apply to: The Administrator, Camberwell Circle Club, 25 Camberwell Grove, London SE5. Tel: 01-703 8545.

Completed application forms should be received by 7th May 1985.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

## Conservation Volunteers

### NATIONAL SCHOOLS OFFICER

Salary £12,048 — £14,352 + Car

Based in Birmingham

The BTCV is an expanding national charity whose principal aim is the promotion of practical conservation work in the natural environment by volunteers.

This exciting new post will be responsible for the development and implementation of a national strategy for the BTCV's work with schools, and the provision of guidance and direction to our Regional Staff.

The job will require liaison at all levels in the educational system in developing policies and promoting practical conservation initiatives by schools.

We are seeking a persuasive and dynamic leader with experience both in environmental education and in educational administration and management.

Application forms and further details (for which a large A5 stamped envelope is required) are available from the Trust Administrator, 36 St. Mary's Street, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 0EU to be returned by 10th May, 1985.

## ADMINISTRATION

### NORTH SHEFFIELD HOUSING ASSOCIATION

31 Spital Hill, Sheffield

A community-based housing association in North Sheffield, which has significant African and Asian tenants.

### ADMINISTRATOR SECRETARY

and would welcome applications from suitably qualified members of the ethnic minorities.

The work involves equality between architectural and surveying sections and involves some reception duties. Applicants should have experience in the administration of a housing association and be able to liaise with the public. Minimum requirements are: 3 years experience in housing association administration. The ability to speak Urdu, Punjabi or Arabic will be a distinct advantage.

Salary £2,354 rising to £3,284 (equal pay for all staff) after one year, 35 hour week. Full-time. Closing date: April 30, 1985.

Full details from the club secretary (0743) 725151.

NSEA is an equal opportunities employer

## NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

### PERSONNEL ASSISTANT

A national children's charity based in the City requires a Personnel Assistant on a short-term contract basis.

Reporting to the Personnel Officer, your responsibilities will include recruitment and selection, SSP/annual leave records and will offer the successful applicant an opportunity to develop practical personnel skills. Attention to details and a methodical approach are essential requirements.

Salary: £598 per month.

Please write enclosing a full c.v. to: Personnel Officer, NSPCC, 67 Saffron Hill, London EC1.

## LEGAL

### CHIEF EXECUTIVES OFFICE

### ASSISTANT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Economic Development Unit £10,716 — £11,582 p.a.

Are you interested in helping Bradford's industry?

Would you like to actively encourage and promote the development of industry and commerce in the Bradford area?

How good are you at giving advice, guidance and where appropriate financial assistance to Bradford's existing and prospective industries?

We need someone to join a small team who has competence in dealing with people, can demonstrate initiative and flair coupled with the ability to put ideas into practice, to assist, encourage and develop industry and commerce in the Bradford area. You should be educated to Degree level and hold a business qualification. You must have at least two years practical experience in administration and production at junior management level, preferably in a Private Industry.

Ref: CS0113G.

Application forms and further details are available from the City Solicitor's Personnel Unit, 1st Floor, City Hall, Bradford BD1 1HT. Tel: 0224 222000.

The Council supports the principle that all employees should be encouraged to be members of an appropriate trade union recognised for the purpose of negotiation and consultation.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from candidates of any age, sex, race or disability, unless otherwise stated, preferably in the Bradford area.

CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

## HEALTH

### OLDHAM HEALTH AUTHORITY

#### SENIOR NURSE COMPUTER SERVICES

Grade 6 — £2,326 to £26,283 p.a. (under review)

#### COMPUTER SERVICES OFFICER

Scale 4 — £2,737 to £9,431 p.a. (under review)

#### COMPUTER SERVICES ASSISTANT

BCO Grade — £A887 to £3,885 p.a. (under review)

Oldham Health Authority has recently created the above posts to advise on the development and operation of computer services within the Authority. This initiative follows the completion of the transfer of the Authority's information technology assets to Management Consultants. The initial major investment will be in the development and implementation of a computerised integrated personal system.

Previous experience in computers and information technology is essential for the first two posts and desirable for the third. Previous Health Service experience would also be an advantage, and is essential for the Senior Nurse — Computer Services.

Application forms and further particulars available from Tom Brown, District Administrator, Oldham Health Authority, Oldham Royal Infirmary, United Oldham Oldham, Oldham, Greater Manchester, M20 2LG. Tel: 0161 264 0544 ext. 226. Closing date: May 6, 1985.

### WEST LAMBETH HEALTH AUTHORITY

#### ST THOMAS' HOSPITAL

LONDON SE1 7EH

#### HEALTH ADVISOR IN STD'S

Salary Scale: £7,008 to £21,211 inclusive of London Weighting

We are looking for applicants (minimum age 30) who will undertake the full range of health advising activities including contact tracing, counselling and education. Qualifications and experience in Health Advising or a related field essential.

You would be based at St Thomas' Hospital but duties would include shared domiciliary visits and, therefore, use of own car desirable.

Interested applicants should telephone Patricia White or Olive Mervin on 01-928 8221 extension 2389. For an application form and job description please telephone the Personnel Department on extension 2322.

Closing date for completed applications April 28, 1985.

## SOCIAL WORK

### Leicestershire County Council

An Equal Opportunity Employer

### BLACK CHILDREN AND PARENTS

TWO SPECIALIST POSITIONS

Salary / Grade: £9,000 Level 1, 2 or 3, with £7,065 — £10,107 per annum.

Black people make up nearly a quarter of Leicestershire's population. Whilst the largest communities are of African origin there are also smaller Afro-Caribbean populations. In order to develop effective services for these communities, Leicestershire County Council has created two specialist posts for Black Children and Parents.

The result of the posts includes work with children, parents and carers, support and advice to other professionals with policy and practice developments. The department has a training team and a training officer. The posts are a commitment to the development of the service.

Candidates should be qualified social workers who are aware of the needs of black and Asian communities and have experience in working with black and Asian people. They should also have experience in working with black and Asian people in a professional capacity.

Essential Car User Allowance with car loan facilities. Applicants must hold a current driving licence.

For further information or informal discussion about any of the above posts, please contact Peter Smith, Manager, Family or Julie Edwards, at the Admissions and Training Information Centre, 2-4 Market Place South, Leicester, Telephone Leicester (0533) 533699.

Post reference number D1715.

In approved circumstances relocation expenses of up to £2,001 are payable. Further details on request.

Application forms and job descriptions from the Director of Social Services, Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, Leicester LE1 7RH. Tel: (0533) 871115, ext. 585.

Closing date: May 3, 1985.

Equal Opportunities Policy: Applications are welcome from suitably qualified and experienced people of any race, sex, age, ethnic origin, religion, sex, marital status or disability.

### London Borough of Tower Hamlets

#### DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

#### SOCIAL WORK IN THE EAST END — CAN YOU MEET THE CHALLENGE?

£2,252 — £10,725

We are looking for three Level 3 SOCIAL WORKERS to work in our East End Team covering Bow, Poplar and the Isle of Dogs areas in the heart of London's East End.



## GENERAL

## Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## SS.370—REGISTRATION AND INSPECTIONS OFFICER (PART-TIME) PRIVATE AND VOLUNTARY RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES

Salary: £9.1, £9,477-£18,107 pa pro-rata.

The Council is determined to achieve and maintain high standards in residential care in the interests of protection of residents, and this post is a new development in the provision of care and inspection of private sector residential care homes principally for elderly people but including provision for other needs groups.

The postholder's duties will be to respond to applications for registration of homes, to handle all inquiries to apply the national regulations, codes of practice and local requirements; perform registration duties, ensure that all care homes carry out inspection duties, and develop training courses. Applicants must be professionally qualified in the field of residential care, have a minimum of five years' experience in the management of residential care homes, experience of the registration of private care homes, and a willingness to undertake a full range of driving licence essential. Casual car user essential. Current car driving licence essential. Casual car user essential. Please send your application to Mr J. Harrison (Ref. 31761) on Mr M. Dennis (Ref. 32566) or Mr J. Harrison (Ref. 31761) on 01924 551111.

Closing date: April 26, 1985.

Applications by letter, stating full details and names and addresses of two referees for reference to the Director of Social Services, Crinoline House, Elingham Square, Rotherham.

G. Crane, Director of Personnel Resources.

## METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

## TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## SENIOR PLANNER (LOCAL PLANS)

S012 £24,447-£31,025

This is a key post in a small Local Plans Team with a demanding work programme.

The postholder should be a qualified planner and a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute. He/she will have considerable experience in the preparation and implementation of Local Plans. Planning Policy, Environmental Improvement Scheme, and other local plans. He/she will also be responsible for the co-ordination of the Local Plan Review process and for the preparation and implementation of Environmental Action Plans for Council estates. The postholder will be responsible to the Team Leader (Local Plans) but will be expected to work with enthusiasm and a minimum of supervision.

A Job Description and further details are available.

APPLICATION FORMS AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MANPOWER AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES, KNOWSLEY BUILDINGS, KIRKBY, MERSEYSEIDE L35 1TX. Tel. 051-544 9242 (34 lines). TO WHOM THEY SHOULD BE RETURNED NOT LATER THAN MAY 2, 1985.

## NORTH WEST THAMES REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

## Directorate of Support Services

## 2 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS (1 permanent and 1 temporary)

Following promotion of the previous postholder, a permanent vacancy has arisen in the Regional Health Authority's Directorate of Support Services. The successful working person to provide administrative support for meetings of the Authority, Regional Executive and professional advisory committees. This will include the collation of papers for meetings, correspondence and reports and attendance at meetings to take minutes. The ability to express ideas in writing and to work as a member of a team is essential.

The section also deals with the appointment of members to District Health Authorities and Community Health Councils.

There is also a temporary vacancy (6 months in the first instance) in the same section.

These are ideal training posts for anyone seeking a career in the NHS.

Salary scale: £7,009-£8,831 inclusive of London weighting.

Application form and job description available from the Principal Director, North West Thames Regional Health Authority, 40 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 3QR. Telephone 01-262 8011, Ext 411 (answerphone), quoting reference No 119.

Closing date: May 3, 1985.

## West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council

## An Equal Opportunities Employer

## SENIOR POLICY AND CO-ORDINATION ASSISTANT (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

£10,716-£11,582

This post is based in a small but busy unit with responsibility for a wide range of issues. The postholder will be particularly involved in EEC matters, including, but not limited to, the County Council's Economic Steering Group.

Candidates' personal qualities are more important than specific qualifications for this post. The postholder must have a wide range of experience in the field of economic development, particularly in the areas of policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation. The postholder must also have a good knowledge of the County Council's economic development strategy and be able to work closely with the Director of Economic Development and the various departments involved in the implementation of the strategy.

Application forms are available from, and should be returned to, the Director of Manpower Services, 25 St John's North, Wakefield WF1 3DA. Tel. 01924 551111, ext. 28401. Please quote the post reference number.

## ASSISTANT SCIENTIFIC OFFICER WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

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MARTIN WAINWRIGHT finds that evidence on Baron von Reibnitz's past is readily available

## Secret on a shelf

ONLY the most incompetent vetter could have failed to trace the SS links of Baron Gunther von Reibnitz, the father of Princess Michael of Kent. His membership of the elite SS organisation was available for the price of a bus ticket from his headquarters to the Imperial War Museum.

In the reading room there, five volumes of SS seniority lists are regularly consulted by historians and collectors of Nazi memorabilia who want to check that names on medals, rings, or daggers are genuine.

The lists were collected in Berlin immediately after the war by British officials and carry the names of officers in the Schutzstaffel — literally, Protection Squad — printed in German Gothic type. The historian, Mr. Terry Channon, said that it would be a simple task to check if a named individual was there.

Baron von Reibnitz's progress in the force is revealed in entries between July 1935 and October 1944. They record his date of birth, 8 September 1894, his first world war medals, which included the Iron Cross, second class, his Nazi party number, 412855 (a relatively early one) and his SS number, 66010. The entry for 1937, when the baron was a second lieutenant, uses a symbol to indicate his suitability for Hitler's Lebensborn racial purity programme, which involved the mating of selected men and women to produce superbabies for the master race. They do not indicate whether he actually took part in it.

The same material is available at another obvious reference point for vetters, the records kept at the Vienna agency of Mr. Simon Wiesenthal, who has devoted his life to tracking down Nazi war criminals. Wiesenthal would have been almost certain to know if von Reibnitz had been involved in atrocities or concentration camp work. He commented yesterday: "If this man had been in a concentration camp he would be known by name to me."

An initial check of the Vienna archive revealed nothing about the baron beyond his SS seniority record, although Mr. Wiesenthal is making further searches. Meanwhile, slightly fuller statements have been available since the war at a third reference point, the documents centre run by the Americans in the United States sector of Berlin. It was from there that Mr. Reibnitz's father, the baron's stepfather, received the photo-copied documents which formed the basis of the revelations in Tuesday's Daily Mirror.

These included various letters from von Reibnitz, one of them a marriage application in which he was obliged to make the routine disclaimer of Jewish blood. But there was no evidence of attachment to units of the SS which might have brought the baron to the attention of the war crimes tribunal.

He is also absent from a fourth vetter's bible, the "Brown Book" of Nazi war criminals and suspects which is maintained by the German government. And finally, the Conservative MP, Mr. Norman St John Stevas, drew attention yesterday to a fifth set of public documents featuring the princess's father, the records of a Bavarian court which accused the baron during the post-war "de-nazification" process.

Whether this squares with the baron's early membership of the NSDAP (he joined three years after Hitler became Reichschancellor in January 1933) will doubtless be much debated. But, barring almost unbelievable incompetence, it seems likely that the princess's vetters — and those to whom they reported — found the SS material and came to a similar conclusion to Mr. Stevas's.

Whether it was wise to take the matter no further will be tested by the course — bushfire or fizzle — of the present row.

Mr. Stevas's claim to be an upper-class drug taker; but I suspect he's just a snooker player...



RICHARD NORTON-TAYLOR examines the objections to the new procedures for vetting government officials

## Purge or prelude to something worse?

CIVIL SERVICE union leaders said yesterday that the significant extension of what are known as "Whitehall" purge procedures — slipped out in a written parliamentary answer by Mrs Thatcher just before Easter — could seriously undermine civil rights. Some fear that it could be a prelude to a witch-hunt.

The shadow Home Secretary, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, also describes the new guidelines as a carte blanche allowing ministers to dismiss a wide section of the population from their jobs, will raise the matter in the Commons today during a debate on a separate but related initiative — the Government's interception of Communications Bill.

In future, ministers will have the authority to suspend from sensitive posts anyone who is or has been a member of, sympathetic to, connected with, or suscep-

tible to pressure from "a subversive group." Previously these purge procedures were limited to Communist or Fascist groups.

A subversive group is defined as one "whose aims are to undermine or overthrow parliamentary democracy in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland by political, industrial or violent means." This definition is broader than that made by the 1982 Security Commission report on which Mrs Thatcher says she based her new guidelines.

It is the definition used by the Special Branch and, as ministers never tire of pointing out, was the form of words used by Lord Harris, then a Labour Home Office minister, during a debate in the House of Lords in February 1975. They also appear in the Government's Inter-

ception of Communications Bill.

But previous governments have never tried to apply the definition in the way Mr. Thatcher now intends. Mr. Kaufman will today propose a tighter one, by tabling an amendment referring only to groups who "attempt to overthrow Parliament by unlawful means."

Under the new procedures, the role of the independent board which hears appeals (the three members of the board are Lord Justice Lloyd, Sir Patrick Nairne, a former Whitehall permanent secretary, and Mr. Edward Hewlett, a former general secretary of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants) will be strictly advisory.

It will be up to ministers to judge whether a particular group is "subversive" and ministers alone will be the judge of what is meant

by work "the nature of which is vital to the security of the State." Ministers will determine what constitutes "classified information."

The Prime Minister said she based her initiative on the 1982 Security Commission report — drawn up after allegations by Mr. Chapman Pincher that Sir Roger Hollis, director-general of MI6 between 1956 and 1963, was a Soviet agent. But that report said that fewer, rather than more, posts should be subject to vetting and that, rather than more, information should be classified.

The new guidelines will cover not only civil servants, but also employees of the UK Atomic Energy Authority, the Civil Aviation Authority, British Telecom, the Post Office, the police, and private firms engaged in government contracts. They break new ground in other respects.

When the British purge procedures were established in 1949, largely as a result of evidence of Soviet penetration of the West provided by the defector Igor Gouzenko — senior Whitehall officials were determined to keep them firmly under the control of permanent secretaries, not ministers, and avoid any temptation to indulge in McCarthyism.

Whitehall also insisted then that the cooperation of Civil Service unions was essential and a consensus in dealing in this highly-charged area vital. Mrs Thatcher made no attempt to consult the unions. Indeed, even officials in Personnel Office, responsible for security in the Civil Service, were not forewarned about her Commons statement.

She made it clear that the new procedures will also

cover officials of Civil Service unions who could be banned from negotiating for members in "security sensitive" departments, just as they have been banned from negotiating about pay and conditions for staff at GCHQ, Cheltenham.

Some officials believe that now the "catch-all" Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act is so discredited, the Government could be tempted to use its new purge procedures in an indiscriminate way as an alternative. But ironically, given the current row over Mr. Peter Frie, the Department of Trade and Industry official allegedly linked to extreme right-wing groups, the authorities who had suspended Communists in 1948 and 1949, soon found a Fascist. As the authors of an article in The Historical Journal on security vetting put it in 1982, "it made the whole operation look genuinely even-handed."



Sisters in arms: women supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood demonstrate in Khartoum

JONATHAN STEELE reports from Khartoum on a new stage of cultural decolonisation from the West

## Sudan confronts the challenge of radical Islam

IN COMFORTABLE armchairs on the shaded patio of the Khartoum university's staff club, many of the civilian professionals and intellectuals who led the movement against President Numeiri still spend most of their day in cheerful chat. The walls are covered with posters listing political demands.

A hundred yards up the sandy road, in the courtyard of the university mosque, supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood eagerly discuss how their movement is going to gain ground in the national elections a year from now.

Although it was their army which mounted the coup, the main mobilising force was a small group of urban intellectuals, one of whom, a young man with a population weakened by hunger and for whom politics are almost a luxury, the brains behind the anti-Numeiri campaign of strikes and street demonstrations were concentrated within a few yards of each other in the capital.

Little love is lost between the Muslim Brothers and the

secular groups, but they have one important thing in common. After 16 years of dictatorship, in which opposition forces were restricted from organising openly, the two wings of the intellectual elite each believes it can take advantage of the sociological changes which have occurred in Sudan during the stultifying Numeiri years.

This is a more modern, more sophisticated and more urban society than the one which Numeiri took over. The fact that a host of new parties should have sprung up in the last week to breathe the new democratic air from pro-Libyan Baathists to pro-Islamic Nasserists — may be hardly surprising, but the rise of the Muslim Brothers may seem more strange — until one realises that what is often condemned in the West as a fundamental fanaticism is, in its Sudanese variant, a movement which is reformist and anti-traditional.

Every day, sitting cross-legged and barefooted on a carpeted floor in a house overlooking the Nile, the Muslim Brotherhood's secretary-general, Hasan

Turabi, has lunch with colleagues. All are dressed in flowing white robes and turbans. The dining style — no plates, no cutlery, right hands dipped into a communal bowl — is older even than Islam. But on Monday, Dr Turabi's guests were two businessmen, a trade union leader, a chemical engineer, and a broadcaster with a master's degree from an American university.

Dr Turabi sees the growth of Islamic social movements as a wave of cultural decolonisation from the West, the second phase of the independence struggle. He criticises the secular groups at the university, he criticises Numeiri for his slavish adoption of pro-American policies and his submission to the International Monetary Fund. He criticises Libya for its anarchic mixture of Marxism and Nasserism; he criticises Saudi Arabia for adopting Western capitalism under the veneer of Islam, and maintaining a hereditary system of rule. He criticises Iran for giving excessive power to reactionary mullahs.

"Islam is a political and economic system," he says.

"We want to mobilise the spiritual force it generates and use it for development. People don't respond to slogans like capitalism and socialism. Islam is neither capitalism, with its emphasis on production, nor socialism with its emphasis on distribution, but an integrated notion of society."

His movement, which worked in the pre-Numeiri days as the Islamic Charter Front, advocates the entry of women into public life and "our support among educated women is high," he claims.

A major problem for the Muslim Brotherhood is that it was the last group to offend Numeiri. Dr Turabi was lucky to be ousted from his post as a presidential adviser two weeks before the coup. He argues now that he had no power in the government, nor even much contact with the president and that he was a "hostage" in the administration.

"Numeiri wanted me inside to prevent me operating against him outside. I accepted a post with no power because he would never have allowed the Muslim Brother-

hood to function if I hadn't conceded my involvement with him."

Although the Muslim Brotherhood strongly supported the introduction of Islamic Sharia law in 1983, Dr Turabi criticises the way Numeiri operated it — initially without a system of appeals and "crudely."

Sharia law was strongly opposed in the non-Islamic African south of Sudan. Dr Turabi argues for greater rights for the South, saying that the real issue of bad North-South relations is not caused by a difference of race or religion, but by unequal economic development. "The British left the South in a state of nature," he says. Dr Turabi boasts that he had at least one candidate in the pre-Numeiri days elected in the South by non-Muslims. Today, the party would welcome non-Muslim candidates.

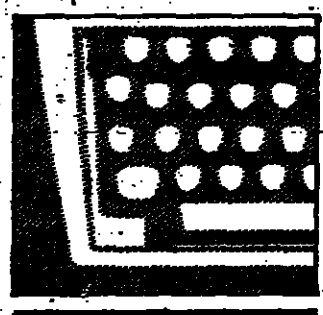
Dr Turabi wants the Muslim Brotherhood to become Sudan's first national party. He is keen for the transitional period before the promised elections to be as short as possible. The brotherhood has a head start over

the other parties in organising because it was half tolerated by Numeiri until last month. The new army leader has said the transition period will last a year.

While Dr Turabi undoubtedly exaggerates his movement's strength, there is concern among the secular groups that he may be right in thinking that the traditional religious parties have lost ground to him.

It is too early to guess how Sudan's political system will emerge after so many years of suppression. Are the Muslim Brothers really stronger than the secular Left? Can either group pick up strength among rural voters?

The most that can be said is that this is still a remarkably peaceful society. The coup against Numeiri was almost bloodless, as were the two previous coups before that. To hear the political debates which are raging in Khartoum now is a reminder that Sudan has a tradition of democracy and tolerance which Numeiri's era of political desertification did not succeed in drying out.



## DIARY

### Enemy alien at work

part of Delano's work that isn't in its own archive in Columbia University.

His thoughts immediately turned towards a Miss van Robeysse solution to the problem of the National Gallery extension. "It is a wonderfully simple, classical building that would fit in most suitably with the existing gallery." The Architectural Journal, which has been given access to the full designs, describes the building as "just the sort of thing that Lord Annan and the trustees of the gallery are now looking for."

Clark first met Gulbenkian in Paris in late 1935. He was



One of William Delano's blueprints

already putting together an enormous collection of paintings (including Monets, Corbets, a Degas, a Van Dyke, a Rubens and Rembrandts) and sculpture and furniture from his considerable income from oil, which was bringing in £400,000 a year by 1945. Gulbenkian expressed anxiety about what would eventually happen to the works (which he called his harem) and Clark suggested that the National Gallery build an extension to the west, accessible from Whitcomb Street, the site currently the subject of renewed proposals. With the endorsement, said Clark, "we should have begun the

richest gallery in the world." Clark's narrative continues: "Mr Gulbenkian accepted my proposal. I then had to get the consent of the Office of Works, the Treasury and the Prime Minister. To my astonishment, they all agreed. . . . Needless to say, all these activities had to be carried out in almost total secrecy. All Mr Gulbenkian's correspondence was kept in a special file in my room. He hated all publicity."

One final hurdle had to be crossed — Gulbenkian was determined not to pay estate duty on the bequest, something which would have required an Act of Parlia-

ment. By early 1938, Clark was sure that enough had been resolved to make the bequest a certainty.

Delano, whose choice had to be agreed by the Office of Works, was then in his early sixties and, in Clark's view, "the most accomplished of conservative American architects." His buildings included the American Chancery in Paris, the Post Office Department Building in Washington, La Guardia Airport, New York, the Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore, the Japanese Embassy in Washington, and the renovation of the White House.

He set to work with an

other partner, an Englishman, Harry Waterbury, and by late 1939, had produced the detailed plans and elevations, which envisaged a building with a beaux-arts plan, a Renaissance elevation, a barrel-vaulted entrance hall, galleries on an axis and a covered court or atrium. (The extension, contrary to Clark's recollections, is for the site bounded by St Martin's Street and Orange Street, but is largely freestanding.) Waterbury, whose son, John, is still a colleague of Delano's nephew in New York — flew to Paris to show Gulbenkian the model and drawings.

And then war was declared. Gulbenkian, who carried both a British and Turkish passport and was also the Iranian commercial attaché, was still in Paris, which he was reluctant to leave for fear that the Germans would seize his collection. The FO declared him an enemy alien. In the words of Myrtle Seccombe, Clark's biographer: "Years of patient work to entice an intensely suspicious man to present his work to the nation had been destroyed with a single stroke of masterful stupidity."

All that remains of Clark's initiative is the remarkably fresh set of blueprints. The full background is contained in Delano's autobiography, which has never been published. His nephew, Mr. MacIver, hopes to bring it to Britain and perhaps meet the trustees in the hope that his uncle's austere designs might at least be short-listed by Gulbenkian's successors, the Sainsbury family.

Alan Rusbridger

Walter Schwarz on a meeting of anti-economists

## Going for green

THE anti-economists protest not yet as massive as the peace movement, but growing in stature — holds The Other Economic Summit (TOES) in London from today to Friday. It sees official economies, like the nuclear arms race, as dangerous nonsense that can kill.

About 30 well-known anti-economists from all over the world will be telling about 300 anti-economists assembled at Bedford College that our world economic system is due to start its own official summit in Bonn in a fortnight — enriches fewer and fewer of the already rich, impoverishes the poor, creates and deepens the natural world, ruins health, and makes wars more likely.

These dissidents think of themselves as prophets, for they attack a system already in disintegration. They see our economic managers in the same light that CND sees nuclear ministers and generals. They see a world of people who have lost touch with elementary reality and must therefore be stopped. Defence is after all meant to defend us, economic management to enable us to live better.

The alarm has become increasingly international: its protest against colonialism, monocrop economies in thrall to multinational finance is as relevant in Yorkshire pit villages as in Bombay or rural Ethiopia.

This system is making more and more millions of people useless — both as people and as consumers," Susan George, who has long researched and written on the problem, told a press conference yesterday.

The first TOES last year attracted little attention. This year, the World Health Organisation and the European Parliament have come in as sponsors. People in both organisations are evidently sufficiently disillusioned with official economics to try the opposition.

David Henderson, most influential of American alternative economists, plans to lead TOES "from the end of economics, to post-economic policies." She will argue that a trade system with fewer and larger winners and more and more desperate losers cannot long survive.

It is already mortally sick, as is suggested by the debt crisis and the resort to protectionism, which is likely to be the main worries at Bonn.

The third world is well represented this year. George Fernandes told how, as India's Minister for Industry and Commerce, he had tried putting TOES economics into practice — shifting massively from urban to rural and from large to small industry.

But he is out of office and his successors, he said, had again reversed the trend, with massive imports of fourth-generation computers which, in Indian Railways alone, will cost £1 billion. He concluded that there was a North-South divide inside developing countries, especially India, where 4.5 million newcomers come on to a stagnant labour market every year.

The tangible link between environment and survival will be explored by Wangari Maathai, Kenya's first woman professor, who founded the Green Belt Movement. Relentless deforestation, induced by population pressure and timber exports produces the desertification which makes people hungrier and thirstier through erosion and loss of ground water and firewood. People then turn to low-energy foods which cause disease, and they burn a vegetable refuse which ought to have been used as fertiliser.

Health is another link in the chain of greed, said Hakan Hellberg, the Finnish director of WHO's "Health for all by the year 2000" strategy, "pointed to the lethal gap between technical sophistication and the simple that can be applied down in the villages."

With remarkable courage for a UN bureaucrat, he grasped the link with politics. "You cannot have health as long as Uncle Doctor knows best what is good for you. You have to try and introduce democracy in the villages. Can we do that through the health back door?"

Undaunted, TOES' ten-point agenda calls for a financial system that can sustain "self-reliant strategies," and for the regeneration of local economies in North as well as South. It calls for work-sharing and work-creation, better access to capital, land reform, and human-scale technology.

Controversially, it advocates a guaranteed income scheme to liberate the informal economy, arguing that "the link between income and conventional employment in industrial countries is breaking down."

A scheme of that kind involves drastic redistribution — which is politics at the sharp end. But then, as Hakan Hellberg pointed out, economics is politics. Anti-economics is even more so.



**THE FUND** raising boom continues. Tesco came yesterday, but this is really just one more of a whole string of issues which are carrying British fund raising this year at an even higher level than last.

In March the market produced \$850 million of "new

There are two main points to be made here. The first is what might be called a flag-waving one. Go back to the late 1970s and it was quite clear that London had a rather poor capital-raising record compared with a number of other financial centres. In money terms the amount of new funds raised for industry and commerce is now running at perhaps five times the level of the late 1970s, which in real

The second point is more subtle. What is happening here is the British edition of a world-wide shift of funding away from bank deposits towards market finance; away from bank loans and towards securities market instruments.

That shift is most noticeable in the change in the relative positions of the Eurocurrency and the interbank Eurocurrency loans market, where last year the bond market overtook the loans market in size. Here in Britain we still are very worried about the loss of the bank lending to the industrial sector, which makes one

But given the overriding desire of the authorities to hold down bank lending, it is worth asking whether other securities market instruments could not be developed to take more of the strain.

American practice would obviously suggest a commercial paper market. Euromarket practice would suggest a whole host of instruments which the British market has not developed. We have now got short-term

**A NATION** of shopkeepers are many, remain, but anyone who looks at the little book will find a substantial increase in employment will be disappointed. The Neddry report, detailed below is surely right in its general drive: you might instinctively disagree with its judgement that the long-term trend in retailing employment is downwards, but anyone arguing that some turning point must soon be in sight would be hard put to find much evidence to back up the claim.

Thus the big trends in distribution — towards larger units, towards more self-

There are, perhaps, two areas where the survey might be too gloomy. One would be in the new branches of retailing which seem likely to emerge in the next few years. To take an obvious current example, we have as yet no retail network for distributing securities. Were, say, Citicorp to set up a retail network of branches selling products generated by its newly-ac-

More hopeful, perhaps, is the notion that we will see shopping develop into more of a leisure activity. The argument here is that as shops become more agreeable, so they can garner a higher proportion of consumer spending. We would spend more of our income on buying goods in shops because buying them is a pleasurable activity, and spend less (say) on getting drunk in pubs.

But the central problem remains: if consumer spending grows only slowly (as it will), and if distribution con-

in this country is to find a way of selling our distributional skills on an international basis. In that sense, the instinct of the new entrepreneurs is absolutely right: we may or may not need mini-Harrolds around the world, but there is clear mileage in branching out into retailing names internationally.

Our distribution network is a source of strength in this country. We are a nation of very good shopkeepers. To some extent the skills are exportable: as at Habitat, we've yet to find a way of capitalizing internationally on that national skill at any substantial level.

substantial airport capacity already exists in the north, but big airlines are clamouring for expansion in the south to accommodate the projected increase in passengers by 1990s.

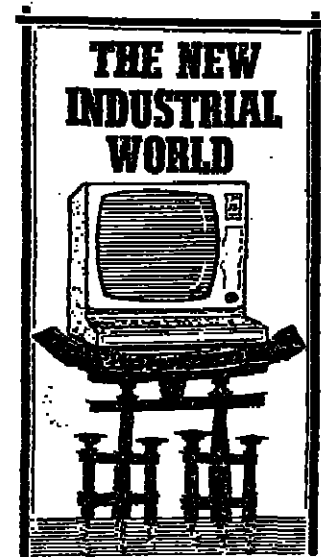
It was no part of government policy to force people to leave an airport they did not wish to use. Nor could there be any question of deterring airlines to operate from an airport if the company did not consider such a service was viable.

company and reached an agreement with the banks which was fair and equitable" after six months of negotiation which gave the firm a reasonable survivability. It added that the decision to go for bankruptcy was made for handwritten









### THE NEW INDUSTRIAL WORLD

"THE ANSWER is yes, but remind me what the question was."

That quote from Woody Allen pepped up surprisingly in a report on the computerisation of society from the stuffy French bureaucracy. It was used to illustrate the point that all one can do about the more distant future is to pose a series of questions. And nowadays even 1985 becomes the distant future.

That, at any rate, is our joint excuse for not daring to prophesy whether south-east Asia will be the world's economic power centre of 2001 — or whether, indeed, events will move so fast that the region will have achieved its peak by then and somewhere else (South America?) will be setting the pace, as some of the thinkers of Singapore suggest.

One great imponderable is China. The speed — and methods — of China's modernisation will, of course, affect the world balance of power as well as the economies of her Asian neighbours. So far, trade with China has not reached major

ONE OF the jokes of Mrs Thatcher's flip through the Far East was her praise for the success of Singapore — a success built, like those of the other new industrial powers of Asia, on huge state investment in the infrastructure and top-priority expansion in university education. Tomorrow a book is published assessing how rapidly these nations are leaving us behind. Four Guardian writers — Michael Smith, Jane McLoughlin, Peter Large, and Rod Chapman — toured Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and Indonesia, and their series of reports in the Guardian have been updated and extended in Asia's New Industrial World (Methuen, £2.95). Here is a summarised version of the book's conclusion.

## The winning ways of Asia

levels for any of our four sample nations, but it is quietly — sometimes almost surreptitiously — increasing.

Whatever way things may go, there are joint lessons to be drawn from the recent histories of Korea, Singapore, Japan and Indonesia. Before we go into those, let's remind ourselves of the disparate backgrounds that have produced such common themes.

**Japan:** The course-setter, not only for south-east Asia but, in some respects, for the world; a fiercely competitive nation, now striving to prove that it has the power to invent as well as the industry to adopt and improve upon Western technology.

**South Korea:** A land of mountains and real winters, the home of a hardy people who are trying to manage two industrial revolutions at the same time, building into a micro-electronics from a basis of traditional smoke-stack industries.

**Singapore:** A small tropical island, with no natural resources, little heavy industry, and only 2.5 million people, predominantly Chi-

nese, who are leap-frogging over their immediate neighbours into the post-industrial "brain" businesses.

And Indonesia: The one exception, a troubled, divided laggard, stuffed with natural riches, yet having to struggle for unity of purpose among 160 million people spread across an archipelago of nearly 13,700 islands.

The first common theme — and a theme that compares alarmingly with the current British experience — is the emphasis on higher education. South Korea and Singapore, as much as Japan, see the need to produce graduate-examined populations to create the wealth of the future. Those investments in the universities are aimed not merely at meeting the narrow, cannon-fodder demands for specific (and perhaps short-lived) technical skills; they seek to produce multi-disciplinary graduates capable of handling the kaleidoscopic shifts of information-based economies.

The second theme is consensus, sometimes more apparent than real, but none the less providing the basis for confident national planning. The first three countries fit that pattern but, currently, Singapore supplies the sharpest example.

There you see a heady hybrid of vigorously competitive capitalism and one-party state socialism (neither of those labels are really accurate, but they are the nearest fit one can find in the old-world political vocabulary of the 1980s). The government sets the strategy and invests in the infrastructure: housing, education, transport, telecommunications. The business

world is then left fairly free to build the nation's wealth on that foundations.

The French government's Nora Report, published in 1978 after a 12-month study ordered by President Giscard d'Estaing, became a best-seller in France and the world's most quoted official verdict on the political implications of the computer. Its recipe for ameliorating the chaos of change — and, at least, removing from the new industrial revolution the physical horrors of the first — was a broad, long-term national strategy, rooted in consensus.

The Nora Report went further. It accepted an argument of the futurologists that is still anathema to political establishments: that in a post-industrial economy both capitalism and socialism lose their meaning, because wealth is created with the minimum of capital and the minimum of labour.

There are signs of new forms of politics emerging along our sample nations, albeit from an authoritarian start. Certainly, there is evidence (Indonesia apart, again) that their political decision-making is more effective than that of the old industrialised nations.

The theme of consensus is tightly tied to common theme No. 3: the ability to manage constant change. In the purely economic battle, the new powers of south-east Asia clearly have both government mechanisms and social attitudes that enable them to cope with accelerating technological change better than the rusty structures of Western democracies and the rigid structures of Communism. And the economic

impact of this adaptability is international communications.

But technological change is also breeding social change, and there things do not look so certain. Even Japan is now getting itchy on several levels, though not to the extent of the Singapore Establishment's fear of "Western values" damaging national unity. Union concern is growing in Japan that both the job-for-life guarantees for about a quarter of the work-force in the multinational corporations and the philosophy of deliberate over-manning in internal service industries may not survive the emergence of the peopleless factories and the automated offices in an ageing society.

It needs to be remembered also that — Japan apart — the prosperity of the new Asian powers is, in individual terms, only a richness relative to their immediate past. The gap between rich and poor in our sample countries is greater than it is in most West European nations. And the poor are poorer.

However, the final common theme is the most powerful of all. It is a fierce pride in national resurgence, which sometimes has its roots in history but which takes its current driving force from each nation's transformation within less than three decades. That pride could well be enough to retain national unity amid the social changes now beginning. It might even teach the rest of the world how to achieve personal liberty without divisiveness. We shall see.

## Driverless trains will put BR on right track

A YEAR AGO, Pitstone cement works in the Chilterns was taking three 1,000 tonne trains a week from Daw Mill pit near Nuneaton. The miners' strike had begun, but Daw Mill was still working and so were local railways. Then the pickets moved in and the trains stopped. Now the strike is over, but the 70 mile coal haul has stayed on the roads.

The pattern is repeated nationwide six weeks after the strike ended, coal trains had built up from 40 to 200 a day, there were 300 a day before the strike. Many mines have yet to resume full production, but BR will be lucky to carry 120 million tonnes of freight in their new financial year which started on April 1. In 1983 the trains moved 44 million tonnes, so 5,000 railwaymen's jobs have been sacrificed.

The coal strike cost BR £240 million in lost revenue, but the real damage to Railfreight's future stems from the £60 million worth of coal, oil and steel traffic which the rail unions diverted to road in support of the miners. "Our customers are not likely to forget that we left them in the lurch," BR's business manager for oil Brian Burdall remarks bitterly.

Far more serious is the discovery by major customers like British Steel and the Central Electricity Generating board that heavy flows of bulk materials can be handled just as cheaply by road. Colin Driver, who took control of Railfreight this month told BR's staff newspaper Rail News: "We have allowed transport to get hold of our core traffic and have given them a year to perfect methods of carrying it better than we do."

So Railfreight is in a two-way squeeze: much traffic has been lost, pushing up unit costs for the remainder by worsening utilisation of staff and assets, and at the same time customers are demanding (and getting) rate reductions.

Rank and file railwaymen are baffled, as are outraged members of the public who assumed that the stream of strike-breaking juggernauts past their front door would cease when the strike was officially called off. They share with some BR managers who ought to know better the simplistic notion that one locomotive hauling 1,000 tons in 30 wagons must be more economic than 40 lorries with 40 drivers carrying 25 tons. The truth is very different.

Writing in my own journal

British Rail's freight business has been ravaged by the coal strike. RICHARD HOPE writes that customer confidence has been undermined by secondary action which diverted oil and iron ore to road, and now 38-tonne tipper lorries are attacking the very core of Railfreight's traffic — power station coal

this month the CEGB engineer responsible for coal transport Charles Smith points out that before the strike 12,000 wagons delivered 60 million tons a year to his power stations under the merry-go-round (MGR) system introduced 20 years ago.

MGR was a real breakthrough in productivity. Instead of shunting interminably in marshalling yards, complete trains of hopper wagons shuttle direct between mines and power stations where they run round a loop and unload without stopping — hence the name.

Even so, Mr Smith's 12,000 MGR wagons average only three trips a week where tipper lorries make three a day. So one train consisting of a locomotive and 30 wagons costing perhaps £2 million replaced not by 40 lorries but by eight, costing one-tenth as much.

An over-simplification, certainly, but you take my point: BR managers still don't understand the meaning of the word "productivity" as applied to capital assets.

There is worse to come. Because freight train crew productivity is so poor — 10 times worse than lorry drivers in terms of miles driven per man-shift — the penalty in extra wages of using road is far less than the casual observer would expect. No way does "a crew of three in charge of one train" do the work of up to 172 drivers" as another BR publication Western Traveller boasted recently.

In fairness to BR, the board has tried for five years to convince the unions that freight trains crewed only by the driver are essential if rail is to hold its miserly 3 per cent of the freight market, let alone

make a comeback. The National Union of Railwaymen refuses to budge, and management has once again chickened out by not making productivity agreements to this year's 3 per cent pay rise agreed earlier this month.

In the chilly competitive dawn that has followed the long night of the coal strike, even driver-only trains would not suffice. Since January, far-sighted planners and engineers at BR headquarters have been examining an even more drastic option — unmanned trains. A model for this type of operation can be found in Ohio, where 15-wagon driverless trains have been shuttling coal from a Muskingum mine to a power station safely and economically since 1968.

It is not just a matter of saving wages. Freed from the constraints of crew scheduling, short trains can be run. That means less delay loading and unloading the wagon fleet could be halved, and the number of locos cut by at least 30 per cent.

The technology for driverless trains was fully developed at Wilmslow, Cheshire, eight years ago, but it was expensive and BR officials could see no need for it. Now the work is being taken up again, this time using far cheaper methods based on the radio signalling introduced in the Scottish Highlands last autumn.

The aim is to try it out on a freight-only line, such as the 12-mile link between Bevercotes colliery and High Marnham power station in Nottinghamshire. Once safety and reliability had been demonstrated, unmanned freight trains would be introduced on passenger lines.

With crew wages eliminated, a vastly improved rolling stock utilisation, the intrinsic advantages of rail over road — such as reduced energy consumption — could be exploited to the full.

BR's share of the £10-billion-a-year freight market would still be modest because so many destinations are out of reach, but even £1 billion would be riches compared to the £350 million earned last year. Far from destroying jobs, there would actually be more railwaymen required to maintain the track and rolling stock than the present traffic requires with a driver and guard on each train.

Without such a quantum jump in the productivity of men and assets, the future for Railfreight is bleak indeed. Richard Hope is editor of Railway Gazette.

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## BBC-1

6.00 am Ceefax AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time. 9.20 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Gharbar. 11.15 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 pm News After Noon. 12.57 Regional News. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Mr Benn. 2.00 Pages from Ceefax. 3.53 Regional News (except London and Scotland). 3.55 Lay on Five. 4.10 The Wombles. 4.15 The Biskitts. 4.25 Take Two. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 The Red Hand Gang. 5.35 Grange Hill. Ceefax sub-titles.

6.00 NEWS: Weather News.

6.35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.

7.00 WOGAN.

7.40 MONKEY BUSINESS. Henry Kelly hosts another round of the brainy wildlife quiz, with Lynsey de Paul, Neil Innes among the nature lovers.

8.10 DALLAS: Legacy of Hate. Nice to see things back to normal at Southfork, with shattered Pam joining the ranks of females gunning for J.R. and only hungry Mandy eating out of his hand... Ceefax sub-titles.

9.00 NEWS: Weather News.

*Peter Lawrenson and Steve Davis*

9.25 Q.E.D.: Riddles of Ball and Cue. Not a lot of joy for anyone seeking refuge from all that snooker, with even the science slot getting in on the act. Nipping out from the Crucible, world champ Steve Davis joins scientist and accomplished amateur player Peter Lawrenson for a special match aimed at demystifying the mechanics of the game. Using slow motion photography and magnifying techniques - not to mention an executive toy, a computer, and even an electric drill - the film explores the relationship between ball and baize, and investigates such recondite issues as the effect on a spinning ball of striking the cushion.

9.55 SPORTSNIGHT. After that illuminating interval, it's back to business at Sheffield, on the day that sees the second round matches beginning in the World Professional Championship. Second offering on the double bill is boxing, with Mark Kaylor among the names on the York Hall bill from London. 12.10 Weather, close.

Wales: 5.55-6.00 pm Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Sportnight.

Scotland: 4.00-5.10 pm Isobel.

Northern Ireland: 5.55 pm Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Northern Ireland.

United States: 5.35-7.00 pm Today's Sport.

## BBC-2

6.30-7.20 am Open University. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 2.30 pm World Snooker. World Professional Championship from Sheffield.

5.25 NEWS with sub-titles; weather.

5.30 WESTERN UNION. Robert Young, Randolph Scott lead Fritz Lang's 1941 Western about the efforts of Indians and Rebs to sabotage the installation of America's first trans-continental telegraph system.

7.00 EBONY. Back for a new series, the magazine for and about the black community looks at the incentives available to young black writers, and meets the Manchester United cheerleaders. Presenter, a Juliet Alexander and a Julie Herbert, music this week comes from City Limits and the Mutant Rockets.

7.30 BOOKMARK. The monthly book magazine includes a portrait of Dorothy Wordsworth, compiled by Claire Tomalin with help from Dorothy's biographers Robert Gittings and Jo Manton. Plus author Stratis Haviaridis on the background to his Greek Civil War novel, The Heroic Age, and a look at the literary achievements of Esperanto.

8.20 WORLD SNOOKER. David Vine with the evening's first visit to the championship action at The Crucible, Sheffield.

9.00 BLEAK HOUSE. 2 Second instalment of the stunning dramatisation by Arthur Hopcraft of the Dickens classic, with Diana Rigg as Lady Dedlock, Denholm Elliott as Mr Jarndyce, Suzanne Burden as the young ward now entrusted with the running of his household and much disturbed by her first exposure to the squalor and poverty of the brickfields shanty town. Ceefax sub-titles.

9.55 OPEN SPACE: Bleak House. Getting in, they hope, before viewers of the classic serial have had a chance to switch off the tenants of Burnley's Bleak House council estate take over the access road to show that Dickensian living conditions aren't just the stuff of costume drama. Less than 50 years old, their once flourishing community is a filthy ghetto of damp-riddled, decaying houses with no prospect of improvement.

10.25 NEWSNIGHT. 11.20 Weatherview.

11.25 Interval. 11.30 Open University.

12.25 Close.

## ITV London

6.15 am Good Morning Britain. 9.25 News Headlines: Sesame Street. 10.25 Life on the Forest Floor - a First Film. 10.35 Cartoon Time. 10.45 Hands. 11.10 Once Upon A Time... Man. 11.30 About Britain. 12.00 News. 12.30 Raw Energy. 1.00 News. 1.30 The Market. 3.30 Gens. 3.35 News Headlines. 3.40 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 News. 4.30 The Market. 4.40 Fraggle Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters.

5.45 NEWS: weather.

6.00 THAMES NEWS.

6.25 HELP! with Viv Taylor Gee.

6.35 CROSSROADS.

7.00 ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS: From Mind To Mind. The Sage of Sri Lanka delves into his telepathy and ESP file to dig out some odd (and on the whole rather elderly) reports of thought transference, including the Case of The Midwife's Silent Summon, and the Matter of the Sympathetic Sore Finger. Oracle sub-titles.

7.30 CORONATION STREET. Oracle sub-titles.

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE. Eamonn Andrews with another thunder-struck subject.

8.30 THE MORECAMBE AND WISE SHOW. Re-run comedy with Eric and Ernie.

9.00 WIDOWS. 3. Will Dolly's old man accept the offer and lay off? And even if Harry stops harassing them, how are the three to escape the attentions of the other interested parties? Ann Mitchell, Maureen O'Farrell, Fiona Hendley, and Debbie Bishop as the robbers trying desperately to hang on to their loot, in the third episode of Thames high life and low life thriller. Oracle sub-titles.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN; weather.

10.30 MIDWINTER SPORTS SPECIAL. And even Brian Moore didn't feel the need to be coy at the end of Sunday's soccer programme about the match that will be featured tonight: it's the FA Cup semi-final replay between Manchester United and Liverpool.

11.40 THE DOLLAR BOTTOM. Robert Urmahy is featured in a short film following the exploits of a young boy in Scotland in the fifties.

12.15 NIGHT THOUGHTS with Mathoor Krishnamurti. Close.

## Channel 4

2.30 pm Racing from Newmarket. 4.30 Isaura the Slave Girl; Fantastico. 5.30 Farming on Four.

6.00 EVER THOUGHT OF SPORT? Windsurfing. Another adventure sport idea for youngsters with more time than money: one that can be learned in big city centres, too, and for nothing in some places if you're unemployed.

6.30 DANGER MAN: The Contessa. Patrick McGeehan as the agent chasing dope peddlers across Europe in the latest vintage mission.

7.00 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS. 7.50 Comment by Labour MP Jack Straw. Weather.

8.00 HOW WARS END: The Congress of Vienna 1815. Another lucid and elegant lecture from master historian J. H. P. Taylor, starting his period drama performance with an analysis of the political manoeuvrings that ensued in Europe following the fall of Napoleon.

8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS. Christine Chapman investigates what really happened at the meeting of the Federation of Conservative Students at Loughborough.

9.00 PINA BAUSCH'S BLUEBEARD. The Dance On Four season offers British viewers a chance to see the controversial Dance Theatre of Wuppertal production which stunned audiences at its American premiere in Los Angeles last year. The violent and explosive work, based on Bela Bartok's one act opera, Duke Bluebeard's Castle, is directed for television by the creator, with Jan Minarik and Beatrice Libonati in the leading roles.

11.50 BOOK FOUR. Hermione Lee talks to Australian novelist Peter Carey about his new book, Illywhacker, a picaresque tale set in small town Australia.

11.35 SCOTLAND YARD: The Drayton Case. Edgar Lustgarten introduces another old thriller, with John Le Mesurier as the top cop investigating the case of the skeleton found in a bombed school. 12.00 Close.

S4C: 1.00 pm Isaura the Slave Girl; Fantastico. 2.00 Falalabam. 2.15 Ewyl. 2.30 Racing from Newmarket. 4.40 Falalabam. 4.55 Hanner awr. Fawr. 5.30 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Bwyrt'n Dda. 6.50 Darganfod y Byd. 7.00 Newyddion Sath. 7.30 Gortun Hywel Gwynfryn. 8.00 Mentrol: Mentrol. 8.30 Ydyr ar Bedwar. 9.00 Sgwrs. 9.40 Ffyn. Imladde Agony. 10.00 medical drama with Anthony Geary. Robert Vaughn. 11.30 Diverse Reports. 12.00 Eastern Eye. 1.6 Diwedd.

5.15 GUS Honeybun's Magic Birthdays.

5.20 Crossroads.

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